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Over 30 disqualified from food stamp

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Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert Hunter, left, talks with Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) after yesterday's budget hearing at the Senate chamber of the Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building.

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At least 31 individuals were disqualified from the local food stamp program last month, over failure to comply with workforce participation requirements, Nutrition Assistance Program director Walter Macaranas said yesterday.

The disqualified recipients come as part of a "progressive disqualification" program, which the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program implemented this year 2016. If recipients don't comply with the work registration, education, and training requirements—administered in part with other local agencies like the local trade institute and workforce

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12 to battle for 6 House Precinct 3 positions

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Twelve individuals will be battling for six House of Representatives Precinct 3 positions, making the precinct having the most number of candidates for the Nov. 8 election.

» Precinct 3 has most number of candidates of all precincts
» 40 will fight for 20 House seats

In total, 40 candidates will contest 20 House seats. The forty are made up of 21 independents, 17 Republicans, and two Democrats, according to the Commonwealth Election Commission records.

CEC acting executive director Julita A. Villagomez said the five CEC commissioners have to certify the petitioners' candidacies during a meeting on Aug. 17.

For Precinct 3 that covers Garapan, Oleai, and parts of Mt. Tapochau, the candidates are eight independents and four Republicans.

The independent candidates are Ramon Angailen Tebuteb, Vicente Castro Camacho, Anthony Teno-

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PACOM invites Torres, Tinian leadership to tour firing ranges in Hawaii

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Tinian lawmakers say they want to see real time use of the kinds of heavy artillery and firearms proposed for their small island of Tinian, in an upcoming trip to U.S. military training ranges in Hawaii.

U.S. Pacific Command has invited Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, the Tinian leadership, and the board directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority for a tour of firing ranges in Hawaii, from Aug. 16 to Aug 20, according to the Office of the Governor yesterday.

Torres' spokesperson Ivan Blanco said PACOM's Lt. Gen. Anthony Crutchfield, the single point of contact for proposed U.S. Department of Defense projects in the CNMI, extended the invite to Torres and the CNMI officials.

Sen. Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) described the trip as a site visit and acknowledges they want a clear demonstration of the kind of guns the U.S. military proposes to fire on Tinian and see the clearance measures for these, for example, when they visit Hawaii.

"It'll be good," Hofschneider told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview yesterday. "This will be a trip to share

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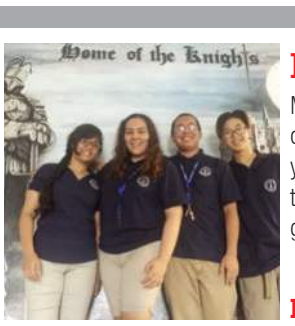

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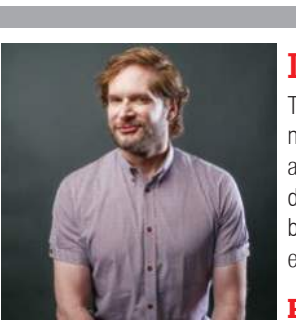

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Local

Applications for absentee ballots to be accepted starting Aug. 25

The Commonwealth Election Commission will start accepting from off-island voters their applications for absentee ballots on Aug. 25, according to CEC acting executive director Julita A. Villagomez yesterday.

Villagomez advised the off-island voters to open CEC's website, where they can download the absentee ballot application forms.

Villagomez said applicants just need to fill out the form, sign it, then mail or email or fax it to CEC.

She said Oct. 14 is the deadline to accept requests for absentee ballots.

If a registered voter is unable to physically vote at his/her polling place on Nov. 8, he or she may vote by absentee ballot or vote during the 11-day early voting period.

According to CEC, any CNMI registered voter may vote at any election by absentee ballot if he or she feels it likely he or she will be prevented from personally going to the polling places in which he or she is registered to vote and voting on election day because of the conduct of his or her business, the necessity of travel, attendance at an institution of learning, and serving in the U.S. Armed Forces or the merchant marine.

Other reasons are employment, training, receiving treatment at a medical institution, government representation, and accompanying a member of the household who is engaged in any among those listed activities. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

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Marijuana bill fails to make ballot

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Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar's (R-Saipan) marijuana bill failed to make the ballot for the general elections in November, but he remains confident the measure—which aims to allow the people of the CNMI access to marijuana for medicinal, personal, and commercial uses—would get passed the next session.

Igisomar

"Unfortunately, right now, it did not make the ballot. It was an unfortunate timing for the bill to come out," Igisomar, who is running for reelection, told *Saipan Tribune*. He has pre-filed 19-106 or the act to regulate marijuana use in the CNMI.

SB 19-106 first needs to become a law before it could be included in a referendum. But the Senate no longer has time to discuss it in their sessions with the Fiscal Affairs Committee busy holding budget hearings, while other senators are either off-island or have other priorities.

He added that he has already talked to Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota) and Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan) on steps to take to make sure the bill moves forward. Santos and Ogumoro are the chairs of the Health and Welfare committees in the Senate and House, respectively, with the former responsible for holding the public hearings.

"That's why it never got into the Senate and the Legislature. It was never deliberated and discussed since there were a lot of people who were off-island because of family and other priorities. That's why we failed to hold a session last week, which was necessary," said Igisomar.

"Sen. Santos wants to make sure everything is in place. She wants to go through the public hearings cautiously. But I assured the proponents and spoke to them that I would do my best to get this to public hearings," he added.

Igisomar also saw the chance of reviewing his bill further in order to make the necessary revisions before being deliberated again. "Even though we missed the ballot, we will take this opportunity to do our best to make sure the people will have the chance to speak in public hearings."

"And to give the bill any enhancement from amendments. The idea is to hopefully get it out of the Legislature to the governor for his signing, and have it on standby for ratification by the people."

Igisomar said he remains hopeful that the process of getting the bill out to the Senate, then moving it to the House, and to the governor for his signature would be quick. "Hopefully the governor gets it right after the election and have him sign it. And if ever, have it on standby for next election."

He is looking to have the measure on the ballot for the 2018 general elections or have a special election before that. The bill aims to help the CNMI's need for access to medical marijuana.

Marijuana allegedly treats glaucoma, epilepsy, chronic pain, muscle spasms, and reduce nausea and vomiting during chemotherapy, and improve the appetite of people with HIV/AIDS. The use of cannabis for medicinal use is legal in Washington, D.C., Guam, and more than 20 other U.S. states.

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Judge: Proposed plea deal to convicted murderer too lenient

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday found as too lenient the Office of the Attorney General's plea deal that recommends a 19-day prison term against a habitual offender who has numerous prior convictions, including the murder of his mother, pertaining to a new case for allegedly damaging a woman's car.

In rejecting the proposed plea agreement for defendant David Desebel Kapileo, Camacho said the jail sentence under the proposed plea deal fails to conform to the standards of this court and the CNMI community, and does not account for the defendant's criminal history, allege facts and factors for a careful and individualize sentence.

In this 2016 case, OAG charged the 47-year-old Kapileo with criminal mischief, which is destruction of other people's property.

OAG alleged that Kapileo intentionally kicked the fender of a woman's rented 2009 Toyota Yaris in front of her.

Under the proposed plea deal, the government will recommend 19 days imprisonment with 19 days credit of time served. It means that if the court would accept the deal, Kapileo will not serve another day in prison.

Assistant public defender Cindy Nesbit is counsel for the defendant.

Camacho said assistant attorney general Jonathan Robert Glass Jr., counsel for the government, argues that the court should accept the plea agreement because after serving only 15 years for murder, Kapileo has been rehabilitated.

Camacho found the government's unpersuasive.

Camacho noted that the government does not take into account that Kapileo has been arrested several times since being released on the murder conviction.

Kapileo fatally shot his mother with a gun at their residence in Garapan in December 1992, according to court records.

In addition to defendant's current case, the judge said Kapileo has another active criminal case pending before Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio.

Camacho listed seven prior criminal cases, including the murder and one active case.

In addition, Camacho said, Kapileo also has numerous traffic cases and temporary restraining order cases in Family Court.

Camacho said he finds that only 19 days out of the total possible sentence of one year is barely 5 percent of the possible maximum sentence in this current case.

"The people of the CNMI deserve to have a safe community. There can be no justice without the appropriate punishment," the judge said.

RAIN AT DUSK FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Heavy rains brought by Tropical Storm Conson and a low pressure area west of Saipan occur on the island as the sun sets on the horizon yesterday. Heavy showers and thunderstorms are expected over the Marianas over the weekend.

'Field of Heroes' to commemorate 9/11

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Tan Siu Lin Foundation is hosting an event to pay homage to veterans and military personnel, law enforcement officers, and fire and first responders on Sept. 11, 2016, the 15th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and downing of Flight 93 in a Pennsylvania field.

The community event, dubbed "Field of Heroes: 15th Annivesary of September 11th," would be hold on all three islands—Saipan at the CPA Airport Field, Tinian on the Fiesta Grounds, and Rota at the Benjamin T. Manglona International Airport.

By purchasing 3'x5' American flags during the event, all proceeds would be donated to veterans and military personnel, law enforcement officers, and fire and first responders dealing with post traumatic stress disorder or PTSD.

The TSL Foundation, formed in 2002, has been hosting various charity and outreach programs with the goal of serving and giving back to the community.

It has been generously giving back to the community ever since its formation. Last April, 2014, the TSL Foundation gave out about 5,000 new dri-fit shirts to students of 11 public schools on Saipan and Rota.

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agency—they will be disqualified for three months.

On the second offense, recipients are disqualified for six months. And on the third offense, they face permanent disqualification from the food stamp program.

The recent requirements are part of local efforts to get more people into the workforce and not depend solely on food subsistence when they are able bodied and there are available jobs in the community.

"We do require now the participants go to the Northern Marianas Trade Institute and go through an orientation," Macaranas told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview after a Senate budget hearing with the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs. "We are sending these individuals, a block of individuals, each schedule. They go to NMTI and they attend an orientation and they understand what is being offered there and if they enroll, then NMTI will assist these individuals."

"If they are considered qualified to find a job, we will require them to go to [Department of] Labor and register for work there," he added.

NAP has been disqualifying individuals as these agencies report back to them on whether a person complied with requirements or was in attendance.

Macaranas says they then talk to these individuals to understand their reasons, because sometimes it could be a lack of transportation.

There are also exemptions. If a recipient is caring for frail senior citizen, or caring for a disable person, or if they have a child under 6—one member of the household will be exempted from the requirements.

Still, Macaranas emphasizes "you got to do something for yourself. You cannot just give these excuses. There are jobs there. The more we are pushing these people to the workforce, the better, and having stricter requirements pushes them into that direction."

Macaranas acknowledges their efforts come as apart of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' strategic economic commission plans and also the realization of the expiration of the non-resident worker program in 2019, which could see the CNMI lose the thousands of foreign workers who are employed in the day to day business operations of the economy.

"It's something we have to push on these individuals, that there are jobs and employers are looking for workers—if we don't push them in that direction, then we are not doing our job," Macaranas said.

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rio Benavente, Ralph Naraja Yumul, Blas Jonathan "B.J." Tenorio Attao, Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez, Heinz Sablan Hofschneider, and Stanley Estanislao Tudela McGinnis Torres.

The Republican candidates are Donald Cabrera Barcinas, Ivan Alafonso Blanco, Francisco Santos Dela Cruz, and Jose Ilo Itibus.

Precinct 1 has the second highest number of candidates as 11 are seeking six House positions.

Precinct 1 areas are San Antonio, Afetnas, Chalan Piao, As Lito, Finasisu, Dandan, part of San Vicente, and Koblerville. Six candidates are independents, while five others are Republicans.

The independent candidates are Anthony Indalecio Duenas, Joseph Arriola Flores, Roman Cepeda Benavente, Edwin Kenneth Propst, Joseph Pinaula Deleon Guerrero, and Ana Sablan Teregeyo.

The Republican candidates are Joseph "Lee Pan" Tenorio Guerrero, Antonio Pangelinan Sablan, Gregorio Muna Sablan Jr., Janet Ulloa Maratita, and Angel Aldan Demapan.

For Precincts 2, 4, and 5, there are two House positions each.

For Precincts 2 that covers Chalan Kanoa, there are three candidates—Rafael Sablan Demapan (Republican), John Paul Palacios Sablan (Republican), and Vicente Aldan Ichihara (independent).

For Precinct 4, there are five candidates—Vinnie Flores Sablan (independent), Alice Santos Igitol (Republican), George Norita Camacho (Republican), Aaron Jay Murdock (Democrat), and Joseph Kani Ruak (independent).

Precinct 4 covers Tanapag, San Roque, Capital Hill, and the Northern Islands.

For Precinct 5, there are five candidates—Antonio Muna Camacho (independent), Lorenzo Iglesias Deleon Guerrero (independent), James Duenas Cabrera (independent), Francisco Concepcion Aguon (Republican), and Antonio Reyes Agulto (Republican).

Areas under Precinct 5 are Kagman, Papago, As Terlaje, and parts of San Vicente.

For Tinian (Precinct 6) and for Rota (Precinct 7) there is only one House seat.

For Tinian, incumbent Edwin Aldan (Republican) will be squaring off against Diana Hocog Borja (Independent).

For Rota, incumbent Glenn Lizama Maratita (Republican) is running against Tricia Marie Atalig Manglona (Democrat).

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potentially what they plan."

According to environmental impact records on the proposed Tinian project, the military desires to house four range complexes on Tinian inclusive of grenade, tank, pistol, and mortar activity. The project comes with roads, fuel pipelines and tanks, and wastewater facilities, among others, for this training.

Rep. Edwin Aldan (R-Tinian) said the trip is to see what the military plans to use"…The fire arms, the small fire arms, and artillery that they are going to explode on Tinian, that they are going to use during the trainings," he said. "We want to see actual live-firing scenarios, that's the trip."

"We want to make sure," he went on to say, "we know what we're dealing with when they start doing these things… That's what we want to know, how powerful, how the impact [is] on the surroundings and the environment."

He stressed concern about the noise pollution of the weaponry, saying that on Tinian, "you have an airport, a village five to six miles away" from the proposed ranges.

Recently, groups from the CNMI and the environmental group, Earthjustice, filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the Department of the Navy's decision to station permanently thousands of U.S. Marines in Guam and to conduct live-fire training for those Marines on Tinian and Pagan.

The groups allege the military violated the National Environmental Policy Act by failing to consider in their Environmental Impact Statement the overall cumulative impact of relocating Marines to Guam and the live-fire range construction and operations on Tinian and Pagan; that the Navy refused to give detailed consideration in its Final EIS or Supplemental EIS to any alternate location outside the Mariana Islands to station or train the Marines relocated from Okinawa, among other allegations.

The Tinian Women's Association, Guardians of Gani, PaganWatch, and Center for Biological Diversity, are suing the U.S. Department of Navy, Navy Secretary Ray Mabus, U.S. Department of Defense, and Defense Secretary Ashton Carter.

The groups say the proposed military training on Tinian would cause damage that would drive the residents out of Tinian; would cause devastating noise, pollution and health risks as well as loss of native species, loss of agricultural land, damage to coral reefs and other marine resources, loss of traditional fishing areas and lost productivity of traditional fisheries, loss and damage of access to cultural and historical resources; and harm to the tourism industry that is vital to the economy.

Aldan, for his part, says this has always been the position of the Tinian leadership. "The lawsuit of Tinian Women's Association—I am in support of that," he said.

"The NEPA studies were not done right. A lot of those were fast-tracked. Not enough studies were done for that report," he said.

Low pressure area to bring heavy rain showers this weekend

Tropical Storm Conson turned northeast farther from the Marianas yesterday, but a broad low pressure area west of Saipan is expected to bring heavy showers and thunderstorms over the Marianas this weekend, according to the U.S. National Weather Service Guam.

As of 7pm yesterday, Conson's center was 220 miles

» **NWS cautions people to be aware of hazardous seas, inclement weather**

south of Minami Tori Shima or 680 miles northeast of Saipan or 805 miles northeast of Guam.

As of 1pm yesterday, Conson's center was 250 miles south of Minami Tori Shima or 635 miles northeast of Saipan or 760 miles northeast of Guam.

NWS' forecast is that Conson will move further north or away from Saipan and Guam today, Friday.

Packing maximum sustained winds at 40 miles per hour, the tropical storm maintained its current intensity yesterday then resume strengthening Saturday night.

Meanwhile, NWS said the broad area of low pressure centered 400 miles west of Saipan yesterday is showing signs of development.

NWS said converging west and southwest monsoon winds associated with this low pressure are producing scattered showers and thunderstorms from south of the Mariana Islands northwestward to well north of Palau.

People planning any outdoor and marine activities over the next few days are cautioned to be aware of hazardous seas and inclement weather.

Building west swell will cause seas across the Marianas, especially in the western waters, to rise over the next several days.

NWS noted that latest buoy readings from Tanapag, Saipan indicate seas of 7 to 8 feet. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Hofschneider supports DPS' request for more counselors

ANNOUNCEMENT

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The Department of Public Safety is requesting to have additional counselors who would assist police officers from the stress they receive from patrolling the streets and keeping the community safe.

This was the item that stuck on Sen. Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian) during the budget hearing for DPS last Tuesday at the Senate chamber of the Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building. Hofschneider is the Senate Fiscal Affairs committee chair.

Hofschneider said he looked at DPS Commissioner Robert Guerrero's budget proposal and was pleased to see that there's an item there that the department wants additional counselors. DPS currently has one counselor. It wasn't mentioned how many counselors they would need to assist the police officers.

Hofschneider

"Counselors are a very important element of their workforce especially with the activity and job that they do for the community. Theirs is a round-the-clock job, they come in different forms, they encounter all sorts of things that none of us here has any idea what they go through," Hofschneider said when interviewed by members of the media after the budget hearing.

Counselors who would be hired would get an annual salary of $70,000. DPS is requesting a budget of $6,281,838 for fiscal year 2017, which is $3,347,585 higher than the $2,934,253 they received last year. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has proposed a budget of $4,883,890 for the department.

"But DPS, basically, supports the budget given by the governor. Last year, we supported the salary increase for all police officers because of the nature of their job do not correlate with the money and the compensation that they were receiving. We're glad that the administration fully supported this," said Hofschneider.

Torres is looking to invest more on the safety and well being of the police officers where he hopes to provide them with additional body armor and bullet proof vests whenever they are on duty or patrolling the streets.

Hofschneider said this is essential to the police force especially after the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands declared unconstitutional the CNMI's gun control law that prohibits all residents from obtaining handguns for self-defense purposes.

"It is important that we must take care of them and give them much support as we can. These are the things that they need to prepare for because of the new development in gun control laws in the CNMI. First and foremost is the safety and well being of our police personnel," added Hofschneider.

The Legislature is also willing to help DPS with its vehicle problems since it is another component of how they serve the community. The CNMI government provides patrol cars to the police while Federal funds are used to purchase vehicles of the traffic section.

Acquiring patrol cars, however, was not included on the proposed budget. "Still, we need to assist [DPS]. It is a different section for patrol vehicles and we need to supply that if there's a request for vehicles. That also goes the same for Tinian and Rota," said Hofschneider.

"That is something that we're taking into consideration, depending on their request. I'll be meeting Tinian DPS and agencies, next week," he added.

Hofschneider also reminded that DPS should continue with their efforts on the war on ice. "They must not scale back on our efforts as a community to combat ice. They must reinvigorate the DARE program, partner with adolescents, and teach them the bad effects of substance abuse."

"They need to reach out and get the youth involve and should also sponsor sports programs. Creating a positive output in the law enforcement."

Corrections

Last week, Department of Corrections Commissioner Georgia Cabrera faced the committee and the senators were surprised that she was satisfied with Torres' proposed budget of $4.05 million that was lower by more than $600,000 from their request of $4.7 million.

Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota)—who was the acting chair back then—along with Senate vice president Arnold Palacios (R-Saipan), and Sens. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), and Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) wanted to increase the salaries of all correction officers.

Corrections officers in the CNMI only receive $16,000 a year but should have been $25,000 including overtime pay, night differential, and hazard pay. The officer to inmate ratio is also 1:4.

The committee advised Cabrera to reassess her department's budget request so they could include all the things that they would need.

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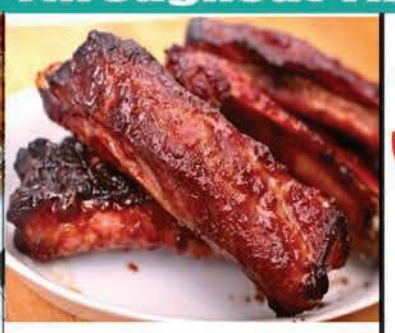

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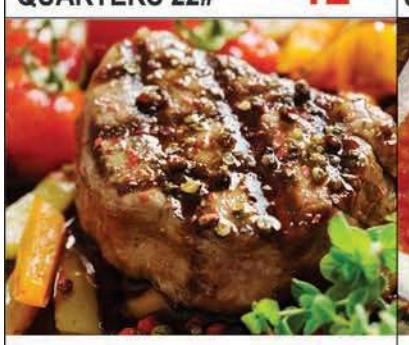

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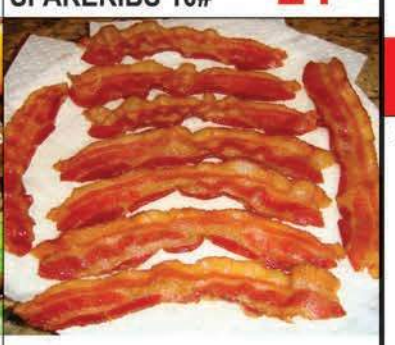

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By ERWIN ENCINARES
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REPORTER

Chow Time is the go-to place for good grub any time of the day, particularly the early hours of the morning. Now that Chow Time has extended its little nook at 99 Cents in Garapan, there's even more reason to go and eat there.

ERWIN ENCINARES
The new Chow Time 2 caters to more guests all at the same time

Chow Time is proud to announce that they have extended the snackbar and it is now ready to host parties, karaoke nights, and many more occasions. The new Chow Time—referred to as Chow Time 2—is equipped with a few more tables, a flat screen plasma TV complete with karaoke, wi-fi, and even alcohol for adults. The place has a cozy atmosphere that definitely reminds you of home.

Owner Anna Liza Guancia is proud of the first Chow Time (Chow Time 1) because it removes the racial discrimination amongst customers. "In Chow Time 1, everybody is family. We have regulars who are Chinese, Korean, Russian, Filipino, and Chamorro. Even though the tables are small, they do not hesitate to share the table, and that is what we aim for. We want the people that eat here feel that they are in the company of their family," she said. "They can even bring the kids here and sing karaoke, which in some establishments aren't allowed."

Chow Time 1 was a popular site for some tourists. Guancia even recalls a Chinese family returning multiple times to eat the Filipino delicacy adobo. "It's really heartwarming to see that even other nationalities are enjoying our food," said Guancia. "They are really enjoying the authentic Filipino food."

Guancia even caters to requests from guests. "All of our cooks specialize in international cuisine. We can make Japanese, Chinese, Korean, American, you name it," says Guancia. "My cooks are really flexible and that's what makes me really lucky to have them work for me. They also help in serving some of the customers."

Unlike Chow Time 1, that is open 24 hours, Chow Time 2 is only open from 11am to 2pm and from 6:30pm to 2am. For advance orders, call 233-8463.

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Chow Time's kitchen staff prepare six dishes every day for its hungry customers.

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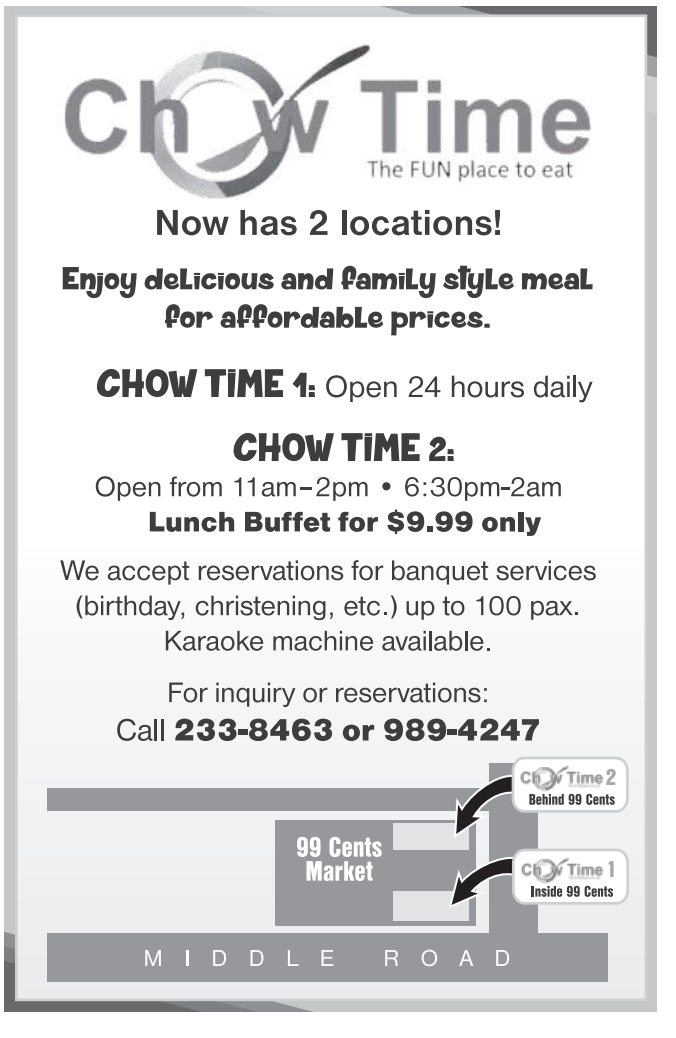
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HANMI occupancy up 7 pct in July 2016

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Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands chair Gloria Cavanagh, third from left, presents a $5,000 check to CARE treasurer John Hirsh and other CARE leadership and volunteers on Aug. 6, 2016, during SOU' Fest in Saipan, marking the one-year anniversary of Typhoon Soudelor.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 91.84 percent occupancy among 11 member hotels for July 2016, a 7-percent increase compared to July 2015.

"Over 91 percent occupancy is the highest ever July rate since HANMI began tracking rates in 1992, This is phenomenal," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh. "At the same time, $144.20 average room rate is the second highest July room rate, topped only by July 1997 before the Asian economic crisis. Tourism is back, and we'd like to see the government give our member hotels with expiring public land leases the opportunity to stay in business by offering the opportunity to negotiate new or extended leases. As the data shows, it works for the CNMI."

HANMI said 65,908 of 71,765 available room nights sold in July 2016, compared to 60,353 of 70,839 available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were $144.20 during the month, compared to $134.25 last July.

HANMI was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. HANMI also makes regular charitable donations to support non-profit organizations and tourism-related government projects. On Saturday, Aug. 6, HANMI donated $5,000 from its June 2016 charity golf tournament to CARE to add with recovery efforts following Typhoon Soudelor.

» Highest average occupancy rate recorded

"As a follow-up to our $21,000 donation to Karidat last year to purchase food for typhoon victims, we were pleased to appropriate another donation this year to CARE through Karidat toward the continued need," said Cavanagh. "There are still hundreds of families without safe, sanitary, and comfortable homes in Saipan, and we support CARE and all their wonderful volunteers in their work to aid those families."

Membership in HANMI is open to all qualified hotels, motels, guesthouses, and other lodging entities for tourists, as well as affiliated businesses. For more information or to request a membership application, visit www.saipanhotels.org. ***(PR)***

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Military exercises at W-517

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting Military Exercises at Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam. The schedule dates and time are as followed:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	UNIT
Aug. 15	9:30am-9pm	W-517	13 BS, 34 BS, 69 EBS
Aug. 16	9:30am-9pm	W-517	13 BS, 34 BS, 69 EBS
Aug. 17	9am-5pm	W-517	13 BS, 34 BS, 69 EBS
Aug. 18	9am-5:30pm	W-517	13 BS, 34 BS, 69 EBS
Aug. 19	9:45am-10:30am	W-517	13 BS, 34 BS, 69 EBS

The general location of this activity will be at Area W-517 Irregular Poly-Gon South of Guam comprising southwest into International waters.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is strongly advising the general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operation Center-Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. ***(PR)***

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Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation volunteers receive CNMI Next Top Chef sponsorship donations from Bridge Capital LLC.

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Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation volunteers receive CNMI Next Top Chef sponsorship donations from Hyatt Regency Saipan.

EVM renames Saipan Next Top Chef to CNMI Next Top Chef

Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation has changed the name of its No. 1 fundraising event from Saipan Next Top Chef to CNMI Next Top Chef to reflect the competition's desire to lure chefs from the CNMI's other two islands—Tinian and Rota.

EVM also would like to

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Plaintiff,	:	
-v-	:	
DENITA S. NAPUTI and ALBERT RAY CEPEDA,	:	
Defendants.	:	

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 14, 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 011 G 336, situated in Kagman, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 788 square meters, more or less, as shown on DLS Check no. 011 G 06 dated December 1, 1993, Commonwealth Recorder's File. no. 93-4414, the description therein being incorporated herein by reference.

Date, Time, Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, August 19, 2016, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Center, Susupe, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 20th day of July, 2016:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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Defendants.	:	

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 8. 2016, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 001 G 1220, situated in Kagman III, Phase IV Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 840 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 001 G 23, the original of which was recorded on October 10, 1996, as Document no. 96-2566, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

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DATED, this 12th day of July, 2016:

/s/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

SAIPAN

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extend a big thanks to major sponsors and chef contestants for sponsoring and participating in the upcoming 2016 CNMI Next Top Chef event.

The previous Top Chef events have been a great success because of the generous donors, supporters, and volunteers who have continued to sponsor this competition fundraiser since its inception in 2011. EVM also extend a hearty thanks to the new supporters and sponsors for this event.

EVM thanks major sponsors Pacific Islands Club for providing the venue and Bridge Capital LLC, Triple J, Best Sunshine, and IT&E for financial contributions and Hyatt Regency Saipan and Fiesta Resort & Spa for their participation and for providing gift vouchers for raffle drawings. Their support provides a long-term benefit of the EVM programs and aids in the expenses for the event.

Kagman culinary students have participated in the events since 2011. They will again assist the chefs.

Past winners of the Saipan Next Top Chef competitions are excited to be part of this event in cheering on their fellow chefs and supporting our worthy cause.

The previous Saipan Next Top Chef winners were Mel DeRamos from Fiesta Resort (2011); Emmanuel Pacha of Marianas Resort and Spa (2012); and Rhea Backe, an amateur contestant won in 2013.

These former winners have assisted in raising funds for EVM and raising awareness about our activities. It is also EVM's desire to have products from the show at the event to sell to generate income. Items like aprons, T-shirts, and the chefs' creations will be avaialable. We will be looking forward to sending the winner to off-island competitions.

Cash awards will be given out for third place, second place, and the grand prize winner. Other chefs will receive prizes as well.

Proceeds from previous Saipan Top Chef events helped EVM provide back-to-school supplies for needy children attending the public schools.

"We are grateful for this and for all the support extended to EVM by individuals and agencies. We are able to distribute donations through the thrift outreach store and have been able to assist many needy people after Soudelor. We have assisted people with clothing, food, and basic supplies. All this is made possible for those who give donations of supplies and finances to enable EVM to serve. Even during that time when laundromats were closed because of no electrical power, EVM was able to help," said EVM founder Rose Smith.

EVM asks for assistance of those who can give toward its continued service to the community.

"Perhaps those who have been blessed by our ministry and may now be in a position to give back. We ask you to consider remembering us. We cannot serve on our own without the help of others," said Smith.

EVM is located in Gualo Rai, across from EZ Mart above Kylie's Bakery. We can be reached 235-2340 or 483-0162 or you can contact Diana Benavente and Janice Tenorio or email emptyvesselministry@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

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IT&E expands 4G LTE wireless network coverage

As part of its efforts to stay ahead of customers' ever-increasing broadband needs, IT&E yesterday announced that the company has enlarged the coverage area of its 4G LTE wireless network and expanded the capacity of this wireless network throughout the island.

The company stated that it had completed the installation of LTE (high speed data service) at six additional sites located in key locations around the island. This brings the total number of LTE sites to more than a dozen sites and, more importantly, effectively doubles the amount of high-speed data available to IT&E's wireless customers.

"The increased coverage and the additional network capacity are part of our multi-million dollar investments planned for the CNMI this year," said John Compton, IT&E's chief operating officer. "These investments boost reliability, coverage, and speed and provide an enhanced Internet experience for CNMI residents."

» Network enhancements help customers meet increasing broadband needs

Compton added that IT&E will be installing at least five more new wireless sites this year and stated that the company's ongoing project to lay buried fiber optic cable throughout Saipan will continue as well.

"Our employees work very hard every day, and the announcement today is testament to the commitment and dedication that employees have in providing the best possible service to our customers," said Compton.

"The CNMI is entering a dynamic time in its history," said Rose Soledad, general manager of IT&E CNMI Operations. "With the continuous technological advancement of smartphones, portable broadband devices, tablets and other devices, we have seen that our business and residential customers are increasingly reliant on technology and the internet for work and lifestyle needs."

"We continue to respond to the growing demand for a richer and faster data platform by building network capacity through site upgrades and coverage expansions," Soledad added. "More voice and data capacity has been added to these sites so that our customers are sure to receive the best possible experience anywhere on the islands."

IT&E offers its customers the only 4G LTE Network in the CNMI. In addition to its superior wireless services, IT&E also offers DSL, high speed Internet service, landline telephone service, and business phone system sales and support.

For more information on IT&E products and services, call 682-4ITE (4483). ***(PR)***

Military exercises at FDM

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center, in conjunction with U.S. Naval Forces Marianas (N3) Guam, would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Military Unit will be conducting Military Exercises at Farollon De Mendinilla. The schedule dates and time are as followed:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	UNIT
Aug. 15	7:45am-9pm	FDM	34 BS, 13 BS, 69 EBS
Aug. 16	7:45am-9pm	FDM	34 BS, 13 BS, 69 EBS
Aug. 17	7:45am-10pm	FDM	34 BS, 13 BS, 69 EBS
Aug. 18	3am-7pm	FDM	34 BS, 13 BS, 69 EBS
Aug. 19	8:45am-4pm	FDM	34 BS, 13 BS, 69 EBS

The general location of this activity will be at Farollon De Mendinilla on a 12-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

Due to the danger imposed by these activities, Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is strongly advising the general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilot, and marine tour operators—to stay away from these areas during the time and dates indicated.

The cooperation and understanding of the general public is greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the CNMI Emergency Operation Center- Dispatch Center at telephone number (670) 237-8000, VHF MARINE CHNL 16, and HF Single Side Band Radio on 5.205.0 or dial CNMI 211 for this advisory. ***(PR)***

Wolf brothers thank supporters

Jonathan and Kelvin Wolf are thanking supporters for making their recent trip to Salt Lake City, Utah to compete in the National and Junior National Speech & Debate National Tournament a success.

In his first-ever trip to the weeklong tournament, Jonathan won first place in the Declamation category in the junior high school division—a first for the CNMI.

J. Wolf

K. Wolf

The Dan Dan Middle School student also placed third in the nation in the category of Humorous Interpretation.

Kelvin, meanwhile, finished in the Top 40 in the Storytelling category in the high school division.

"To each and every supporter, I thank you for making my trip to represent the CNMI in the National Junior Speech & Debate National Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah a possibility," said Jonathan.

He went on to name the following supporters: 360 Restaurant, 7th Day Adventist, Barney's Pizza, Best Sunshine, Consul Eli Arago, Darlene Cabrera, ELS Auto Shop, Herman's Modern Bakery, Islander Rent-a-Car, Meridian Land Surveying, NAPA Auto Parts, Mary Aldan Pierce, Precinct 1 Rep. Ed Propst, Saipan Shipping Company, Shirley's Coffee Shop, SP Dancoe & Associates, John Tenorio (J's Restaurant), Thomas Thornburgh, Tropical Blends, Manny and Luci Vitug, Miles and Evelyn King, and Dawn and Magdalena Sarmiento.

"To my Aunie Ana, my success is for you!" he also said.

Kelvin, for his part, said "I owe my accomplishments to the following supporters who assisted my trip to the National Speech & Debate National Tournament in Salt Lake City, Utah. My sincerest gratitude!"

He also thanked Auntie Ana, who he said continues to be his inspiration.

Like his brother, he also enumerated his supporters, namely Barney's Pizza, Consul Eli Arago, Darlene Cabrera, ELS Auto Shop, Meridian Land Surveying, SP Dancoe & Associates, Western Sales and Trading Co., Manny and Luci Vitug, Miles and Evelyn King, and Dawn and Magdalena Sarmiento. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU AND EACH OF YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is served upon you hereby, within twenty-one (21) days after the fourth publication of this Summons, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to THE LAW OFFICES OF MICHAEL A. WHITE, LLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is Post Office Box 5222, Saipan, MP 96950, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of Court of this Court at Susupe, Saipan. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to answer in accordance with this Summons, judgement by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated July 25, 2016 by order of the Court:

/s/ Clerk of Court

160 join DCCA-DYS 2016 Summer Youth Empowerment Camp

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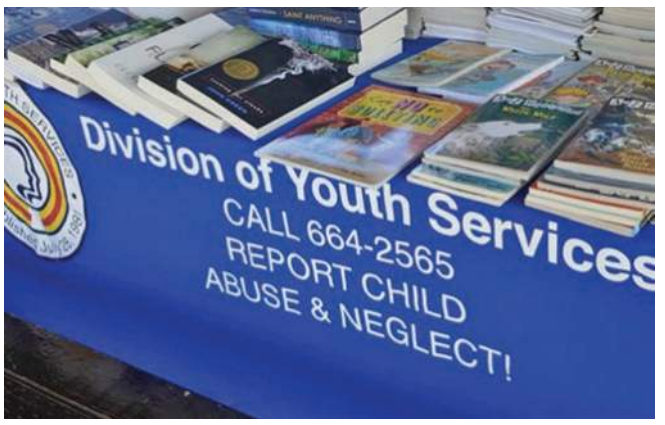
Participants of the 2016 Summer Youth Empowerment Camp listen to one of the counselors.



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Plenty of literature against child abuse and neglect were available for participants of the he 2016 Summer Youth Empowerment Camp.

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The banner of the 2016 Summer Youth Empowerment Camp is shown in this photo.

The DCCA-Division of Youth Services coordinated the 2016 Summer Youth Empowerment Camp, which involved a two-week program with the first week focusing on sports and wellness and second week on arts/craft.

The sports and wellness covered various sports activities and community presentations ending the week with fun filled water sports activities. The following week featured arts/crafts activities with a culminating event held on July 29. The camp catered to over 120 youth participants ages 6-13 and close to 40 youth volunteers ages 14-17.

The huge success would not have been possible without the partnership efforts with the following agencies and organizations: DYS parent leaders and volunteers, CNMI Council for Arts and Culture, Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Division of Public Health and Community Guidance Center Crisis Counseling, Carolinian Affairs Office, Public School System Food and Nutrition Services, Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Let's Move Marianas, Northern Marianas College, Northern Marianas Sports Association, Hoe Lokahi Club, Saipan Paddling Club, NAPU Outrigger, Commonwealth Cancer Association, Joeten-Kiyu Public Library/Motheread and Fatheread, Best Sunshine International, Ltd., Commonwealth Women's Association, and Seventh-Day Adventist Clinic. ***(PR)***

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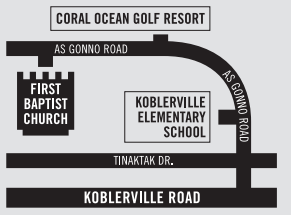

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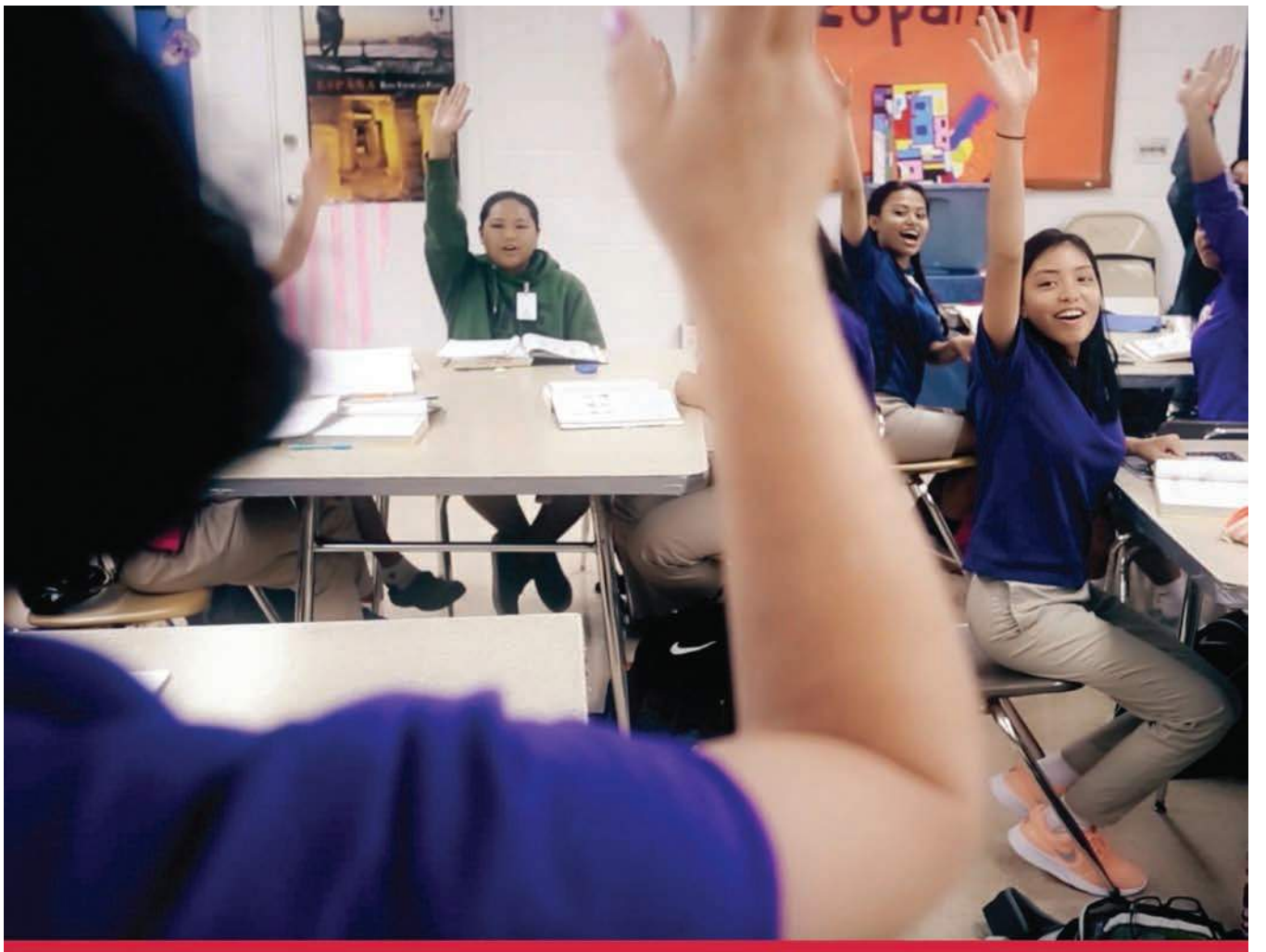

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 *et seq*), the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") Board of Directors hereby informs the general public that the Board will hold its regular meeting on **Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the CUC Conference Room, Room 17, 3rd Floor, Joeten DanDan Building, Saipan to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome.

AGENDA*

I. Preliminary Matters
- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call
- C. Adoption of Agenda
- D. Adoption of Minutes
  1. May 13-24 Regular Board Meetings
  2. June 2, 2016 Special Board Meeting
  3. June 30, 2016 Annual Meeting
- E. Correspondence

II. Public Comments**

III. Management Reports
- A. Executive Director
  1. Update on SO1 and SO2 Projects
  2. Update on EPA Grant Projects
- B. Chief Financial Officer
- C. Legal Counsel

IV. Executive Session***
1. Consultation with Legal Counsel on Personnel and Operations Matters

V. Board Reports/Miscellaneous Administrative Matters/New Business
1. Personnel Committee
2. Operations Committee

VI. Adjournment

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EDITORIAL

Wallenberg's list—and Stalin's black hand

Oskar Schindler and Raoul Wallenberg. Two men who, during World War II, risked so much to save as many Jews as they could from the Nazi peril. Similar missions, different fates.

Schindler rescued 1,200 Jews by employing them at his enamelware and munitions plants, then lived for nearly three decades after the war. He died of liver failure in 1974 in Germany.

Wallenberg, a young Swedish diplomat stationed in Budapest, saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews by issuing them protective passports and giving them refuge in buildings rented by the Swedish government and therefore protected as Swedish territory. In January 1945, the 32-year-old envoy disappeared—swallowed up by postwar Soviet secrecy. And ever since, slowly unfolding revelations:

We now know from witness accounts that Soviet soldiers swept Wallenberg off a Budapest street after they entered the Hungarian capital. It's not known why. In the years that followed, Sweden failed to punch through Soviet denials and cover stories. The Kremlin kept insisting it had no one in a Soviet prison by Wallenberg's name. Then in 1956, the Soviets acknowledged they once had him, but claimed he died of a heart attack in prison in 1947. In 2000, a Russian-Swedish working group formed to investigate the details behind Wallenberg's incarceration and death concluded that he did likely die in prison in 1947, but was unable to unearth how or why.

Now, however, new clues about Wallenberg's death have emerged from the unlikeliest of places, The New York Times reports — suitcases of letters hidden in a wall in a Moscow summer home. Four years ago, Vera Serova, granddaughter of a former KGB chief, hired workers to renovate her summer home's garage. When they tore into the walls, they found the suitcases filled with documents. Among them: references to Wallenberg's "liquidation" in 1947, ordered by Soviet leader Josef Stalin and his foreign minister, Vyacheslav Molotov. The disclosures appear in a collection of diaries penned by Serova's grandfather and published this summer.

The documents shed light on the mystery enshrouding a man now revered by the Western world as one of the great rescuers of Nazi-persecuted Jews. Stockholm sent him to Budapest with 650 protective passports to help Jews, but he broadened the mission to help tens of thousands more through the issuance of more passports and safeguarding other Jews inside 32 buildings he had obtained in the name of the Swedish government. In 2012, he was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. Streets around the world are named after him.

But for Russians, the documents illuminate something else.

They're a reminder of the coarse ruthlessness that defined Stalin's brand of autocracy. It's a dose of reality Russians sorely need, because Stalin's image has undergone a pro-

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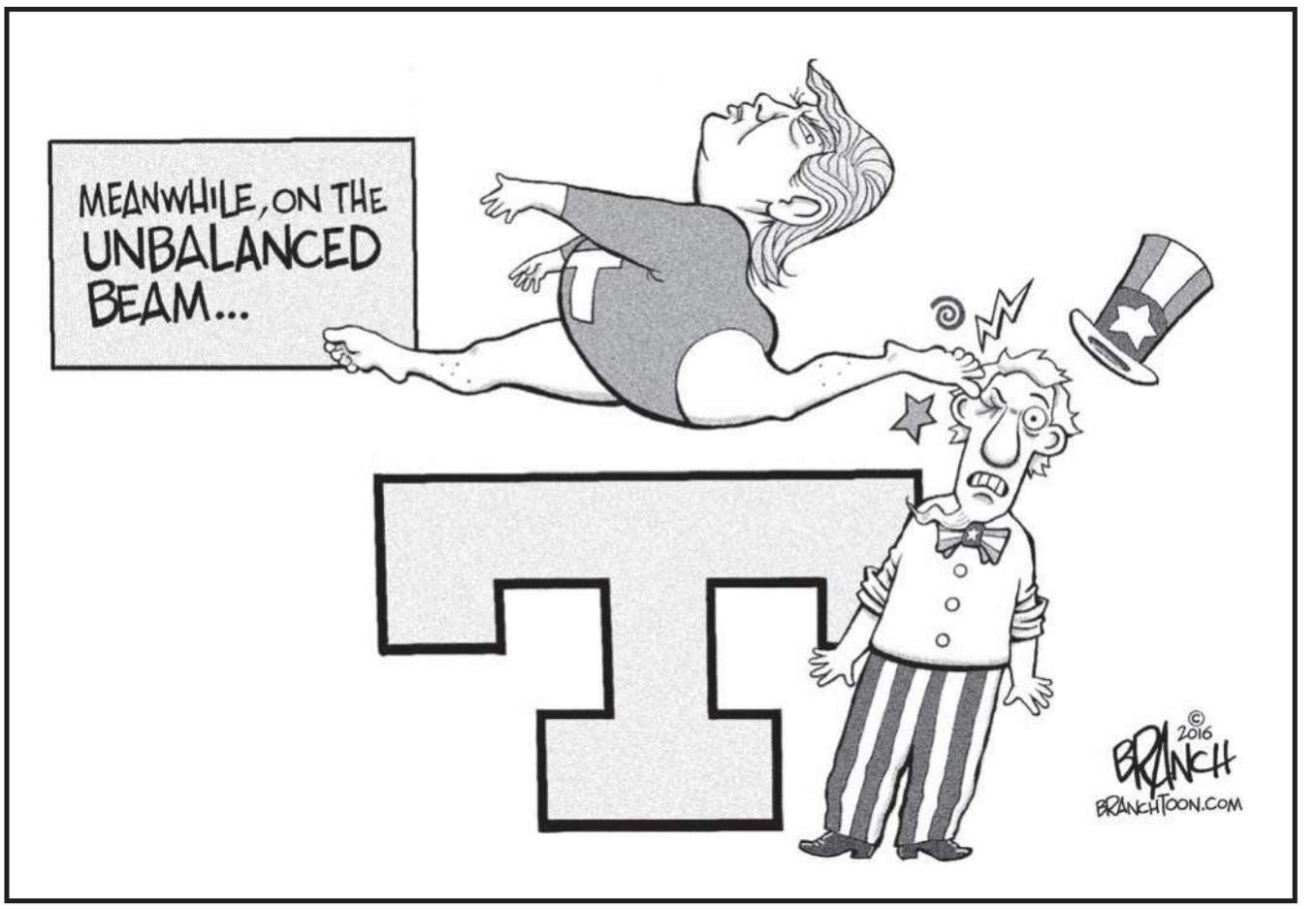
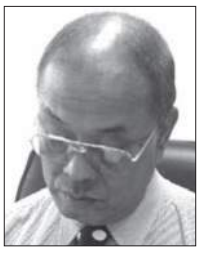


Fractured GOP silently scrambling

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune



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It was a superficial show of force that included key cabinet people during working hours when the GOP filed petitions for its slate of candidates.

The troop knows there are serious issues with GOP unity. There was recently born two factions—Raffy's GOP and old-time Republicans—who could not come to terms on basic issues.

The former wants to forcibly realign the GOP to set up the 2018 gubernatorial race. The latter wasn't too keen taking orders from the Raffy cabal. Unity flew out the back window forcing a new paradigm: To each his own!

Coupled with voters' discontentment all over the NMI the recent show of "farce" begins to take on the form of failed self-realization of its abysmal performance in what's known as "toxic" republican charge. Or does it still have a warp view of its consistent failure to improve the livelihood of families Marianas-wide?

Have you successfully improved family pocketbooks that have suffered salary stagnancy—zero sum improvement—over the last 20 years?

The smiles are "show" indeed that instantly turns into frowns akin to sharp pancreatic pain on a bad rainy day. A few have rejoined the old establishment including those recently ousted from office. In politics, once you slide into defeat you're history! The GOP isn't doing any better on Tinian and Rota either. Old, tired, and confused political trade horses would be released from pasture to look for feed elsewhere.

The GOP's crumbing unity compliments and resonates well with voters' desire for something better than the establishment in power that has basically petered out. People's aspirations are placed front and center in the intensifying debate: Your big mouth as "Do-Nothing" versus family pocketbooks!

How could the GOP put a believable spin to its woefully poor performance on this most vital issue? It could yell all it wants from its hollowed echo chamber no one wants to hear!

Democrats are still organizing and struggling to understand the strange objects appearing on its radar screen. It's organizational clamor as it secures stronger footing, hopefully.

Kilili joined them at the National Democratic Convention but ignored local Democrats. The latter was hoping that as a senior democrat Kilili would employ leadership to unite the troops. But answers to this and other associated issues could only be wrought from Kilili and party officers themselves. It's a decision that haunts democrats.

Candidates who have bolted the old GOP establishment didn't just leave out of convenience. This is the group that has listened with empathy to voters' clamor for something better than empty declaration of "solutions driven." Interesting how this has slowly faded in the last two years.

The eventual legislative landscape presents a blurred view of what the Raffy GOP thought it had under its belt. It sets the path to political dooms day where "solutions driven" shifts to "nice try!" In brief, it's all history for the GOP except for the yelling.

Tinian's economy on SOS

Tinian Dynasty is basically dead fish in the water after failing to reach an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice on fines being sought in order to resume operations.

The Alter City Group hasn't lifted a finger. It still has to secure various permits from local government agencies. Otherwise, the Nasarino Bay area it has leased for its casino project is collecting water from heavy squalls. Will it ever move beyond the PR work it has done?

Without the Dynasty, it means no revenues would be accruing into the local municipal government coffers for its operations. It translates into Payless Fridays for all its employees.

With the deepening mess, does it matter to the administration on imperial Capital Hill that bankruptcy is now the biggest ghostly beast staring down the local municipal government's face?

This is really bad for families who have bank obligations or who send money to their kids in college. It's a helluva Ninza Jungle Fighting bid for families.

With investments headed south, is there any alternative to reasonably revive the local economy? With Tinian's casino industry prepped to fail by the revival of the Saipan casino where then is the wisdom and benefits of instant gratification over the long-term sustainability of the local industry?

Is it hard understanding that the Saipan casino would flourish and expand exponentially, while Tinian tries to figure out a game as set by Sen. Francisco Borja and former senator Joaquin Borja votes? It happens when linear thinking fails critical analysis.

Jeffrey "Mentagua" Borja thinks I should pay attention to the water problems on Saipan. Fine. But let's begin by your putting your mouth where your money is, sir! Twice, the Tinian Casino and Gaming Control Commission was handed Saipan taxpayers money to revive it. If you return this and other funds from our taxpayers here the water problems is easily solved. Sayu?

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Measuring bookworms

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Here's a news item: A recent study performed by Yale says there's a correlation between reading books and living longer. The study looked at self-reported data from 3,635 people who were over 50 years of age, then it tallied their mortality rates over the following 12 years. Once various adjustments were made to the statistics, the result was that book-readers had a mortality rate 20 percent lower than the non-book readers.

I haven't read the study, just the abstract of it. We'll have to see if similar studies come along.

In the meantime, don't ask me if reading books can actually make you live longer. I've got no idea. It is, however, something worth pondering, since it's in that murky realm where mind meets body.

Me, I'll ponder it by looking through the other side of the telescope. Assuming, once you account for all the other factors, that there is link between longevity and book reading, maybe the sort of curiosity and sense of engagement that keeps someone's vitality stoked also manifests in a desire to read books. In other words, maybe book reading could be the result of some healthy force, and not the cause of it.

Of course, few of scientific mind are likely to acknowledge anything as vague and intangible as some sort of "healthy force," at least in the West. Having contemplated this idea, then, we'll just put it back on the shelf and calmly walk away before somebody yells at us.

If you're looking for a book you don't lack options. The U.S. book publishing industry is a $30-billion industry. Last year, according to data posted by Nielsen, 653 million books were sold in print format.

Meanwhile, 204 million e-books were sold, as compared to the e-book peak of 242 million books sold in 2013. This e-book data encompasses 85 percent of e-book sales activity, says Nielsen.

You'll note that e-book sales have been softened since 2013. If I had to hazard a guess, I'd say that it's likely do to the flood of inexpensive e-book readers hitting the market a couple of years ago. This probably induced a spike in demand for e-books, but eventually some of those devices were likely relegated to closets and desk drawers after the novelty wore off. E-books require a complimentary good, namely, a device on which to read the book. It's a peanut-butter-and-jelly dynamic, where the availability of peanut butter influences the demand for jelly.

So a short-term softening of e-book sales doesn't mean the long term is lousy. The long term is probably very bright. It's merely the nature of complementary goods to do a lot of zigging and zagging.

Since I'm geeking out on economics here, I'll note that an interesting issue is to what extent e-books are substitutes for print books. The only way that this can be figured out is by trial and error as publishers adjust prices and strategies and the market reacts.

Anyway, if bookworms might live longer, it made me wonder just how long people, bookworms or otherwise, can expect to live these days.

According to data posted at InfoPlease.com, average life expectancy at birth is 85 years for Japan, Macau, and Singapore.

The U.S. is 80 years, as are the European Union, South Korea, and Taiwan. Guam is 79 years, and the Northern Mariana Islands stand at 78 years. The Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia are both at 73 years. The Philippines is 70 years.

The nation with the highest life expectancy is Monaco, at 90 years. The lowest is Chad at 50 years. There are 26 nations with a life expectancy under 60 years.

The results for life expectancy vary widely by source, so if you're planning to underwrite any life insurance policies you've got a lot of homework to do.

Looking back at the bookworm context, I don't know nearly enough people to have a statistically meaningful sample to draw on, but I tried to puzzle out the longevity, or lack thereof, of the book readers I know vs. the non-book readers. I can't see any correlation.

Me, I do like reading, but many great minds have been cautionary about being too bookish.

For example, the Roman stoic, Seneca, said: "A multitude of books only gets in ones way."

Where did I encounter that 2,000-year-old wisdom? In a book, of course.

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My point—which you obviously misconstrued due to visionary deficit—is the long-term survival of your local industry that matters not happy short-term gains that fizzle out over the long haul. It's called "vision." Am I supposed to empathize for your lack of savoir-faire?

Mary Jane's future

Someone asked why Sen. Sixto Igisomar wants to rush the marijuana measure into a plebiscite this November? I know that half the time Igisomar suffers from percipiency deficit. Appalled, I had to ask: So what else is new?

I've read extensively on the medicinal benefits of marijuana including contrarian views. It means the issue is far from resolved where both sides would converge on a single position. And this is just the medicinal side of the discussion that is at best, inconclusive.

As we've seen in Guam, the issue goes to and fro in view of so many unanswered queries that beg for realistic answers. For instance, what are the prerequisites to secure clinic license equipped with laboratory? Who could plant MJ, what type of MJ is allowable, could any Tom, Dick, and Harry plant and sell to the clinic?

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found makeover under President Vladimir Putin.

To the West, Stalin remains a reviled despot responsible for the murders of millions of his own people at Gulag labor camps and in the Great Purge of the 1930s. But under Putin, Stalin's image has been recast: He is the steward of Russia's transformation from an agrarian economy to an industrial superpower. Children's textbooks have been cleansed of references to Stalin's genocidal ways. Movies and television shows celebrate him. There have even been Stalinmobiles—Moscow city buses festooned with patriotic depictions of the Georgian-born Soviet leader.

Putin's Kremlin is adept at forging—and remaking—brands, and its retooling of Stalin is proof of that. Russia's preeminent polling group, the Levada Center, reported earlier this year that more than half of Russians believe Stalin played a positive role in history and see him as a wise leader. We hope that revelations about Stalin's role in the execution of one of the world's most courageous humanitarians will give Russians a clearer prism into the Soviet leader's true nature.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Marijuana and 'ice' are No. 1

Sen. Sisto K. Igisomar wants us, "We, the people" here to decide whether or not we want to allow the legalization of marijuana. Well, recreational marijuana is going on the ballot this November in three states—California, Maine, and Nevada. Dr. Matthew Springer, Ph.D., a professor of Medicine at University of California San Francisco Cardiology Division, said, to the effect, second-hand smoke is more dangerous in marijuana than cigarette.

Back in 1970, the U.S. government decided to compile all the drug laws into one called The Controlled Substance Act. If this law is still good, let's review it. This federal law sets up five schedules according to their established medical use and the drugs potential for abuse. The potential for abuse is determined by a drug's potential for causing physical and psychological dependence. Categorized drugs are called controlled substances and cannot be obtained legally without a physician prescription.

The Schedules: I—No accepted medical use and has high potential for abuse. Cannot be prescribed by a physician—heroin, marijuana, LSD, N-ethylamphetamine, etc., II—Have accepted medical use. May be prescribed by a physician with strict control—morphine, codeine, opium, cocaine, methodone, etc., III—Have accepted medical use and have medium potential for abuse-derivatives of barbituric acid, Doriden, Paregoric and any compound, etc., IV—Have accepted medical use and have low potential for abuse-Barbital, Phenobarbital, Librium, Valium, etc., V—Have accepted medical use and have the lowest potential for abuse-buprenorphine, etc. The difference between some Schedule V preparations and over-the-counter drugs are just the degree of concentration of the active ingredient.

So, Sen. Sisto K. Igisomar proposes to legalize marijuana. Has Sen. Igisomar ever tried it? Does he use it now? Have you, the constituent, ever tried it? I mean, use marijuana? How about "ice?" How do you feel when using it, or after using it? How do you feel about people in relation to your using marijuana? Or "ice" for that matter? Do you notice any change in attitude? Any change in how you look at people or things? Especially those you don't like? Do you feel you just have to have a "crack" or "pot?" Does it force you to go get some money for the drug?

I don't use "ice," nor smoke cigarette or marijuana, but it's quite interesting to listen to users. They talk about euphoria, painless period, utopian atmosphere, or just simply relief from physical problems and the excruciating pain.

My friend, who died a while back, used to tell me that at times when the excruciating pain comes on from his bypass, where his chest was sawed opened to enable the doctors to reach his heart area, he would cry, and the pain would drive him up the wall, almost losing his mind. He found out that taking "ice" would relieve him of that excruciating pain, and he would sink into euphoria. It was as if he was in a kind of floating numbness, everything was euphoric. His daily chest pain and his "ice" relief locked him on to that habit. And so, I asked if, in this kind of painful situation, was there judgment of criminality? My friend said that his medicine was not strong enough to relieve him of that chest pain which eats into his guts and bones, but "ice" was. He said that marijuana also helped, but the inhaling causes him to cough after.

So, now I look at Sen. Sixto K. Igisomar who is proposing to legalize marijuana, be it medicinal or recreational, and I ask myself, how much of that marijuana plant does he know, the chemistry and the physiological effect on the user? Is his mind lock on revenue and compassion or vote getting? Speaking of physiology, what is the effect on the inhaler when the smoke is inhaled? Where does the inhaled smoke go inside the body of the smoker, after the lungs and alvioli? And the psychology of using marijuana? How would the user feel moments later after the inhaling, and for how long the effect? What about his attitude while under the influence of marijuana and the period when the smoker is not using it. Does the user easily explode in temper like when the user doesn't get the right answer? Has the user ever keep track of his/her attitude? Does the user's character change? Can the user of marijuana and/or "ice" stop using them?

I've heard of people here and also in San Francisco, of marijuana users going deeper into drugs, like including "ice" and mainlining, etc. I remember Ozzie and Harriet's Ricky Nelson on the plane crash while mainlining. Rumor, that's all. No one saw him inject the needle into his vein. So, when San Francisco legalized the use of marijuana, I understand one could only use it within the city limit. I remember a news story of one user who was arrested by the FBI for smoking marijuana outside the city limit. I don't know whether the law has changed regarding the use of marijuana outside the city limit.

So, if our Legislature legalizes the use of marijuana in the CNMI, would there be an explosion of planting marijuana? The price of one cigarette stub would drop. I understand from conversations with friends that one stub costs $10. If the "explosion" comes, it could go down to maybe $5 per stub. What would happen to our CNMI DEA? Would it be dismantled or reassigned? But then, what about legalizing "ice"? We are not a state of the Union. We are not the federal government. We are a kind of commonwealth who agreed to be in political union with the United States. We are unique. Everything not within the negotiated package of land lease, must be done through mutuality with the U.S. Congress only.

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The idea of legalizing marijuana is up in the air here. I read in the newspaper that one Mr. Ambrose Bennett is an active advocate of legalization. Does he have the support of our people and youngsters? And Sen. Sisto Igisomar seems to be catering to Mr. Bennett's presentation. Where is the pros and cons debate going to go? Can I say, either way we win? Smoke away from occupied buildings?

Well, we'll see this November where Sen. Igisomar ends up.

Rudy M. Sablan
Garapan

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.
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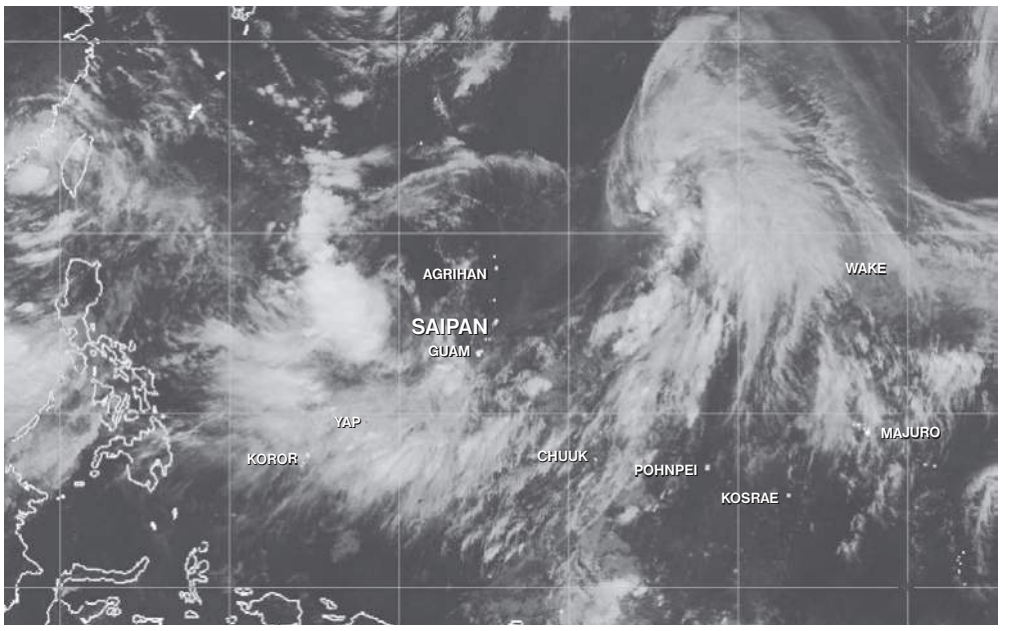
YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The monsoon trough remains the primary weather producer across the region. Latest GFS run does not vary much from the previous few, showing scattered and possibly periods of numerous showers over the region beginning Saturday or Sunday and continuing into next week. The major change is with the ECMWF. Previous runs showed a much drier pattern over the Marianas. The latest ECMWF now indicates rainfall amounts more in line with the GFS though scattered showers are not indicated until Monday. Based on this, chose to maintain current forecast for scattered showers to begin on Sunday and continue into next week. As the system continues to develop, periods of numerous showers may need to be added to the forecast. Models are also remaining consistent with increasing winds over the weekend and into next week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▼ ▲
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	80 / 85 °F
Palau	Cloudy	79 / 87 °F
Yap	Mostly cloudy	79 / 87 °F
Chuuk	Broken clouds	79 / 88 °F
Pohnpei	Sunny	78 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Mostly sunny	83 / 87 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	83 / 87 °F

AROUND THE GLOBE		▼ ▲
Auckland	Morning clouds	51 / 56 °F
Beijing	Thunderstorms	78 / 92 °F
Hong Kong	Mostly cloudy	80 / 82 °F
Honolulu	Partly cloudy	74 / 83 °F
London	Sunny	63 / 78 °F
Los Angeles	Morning clouds	61 / 78 °F
Manila	Heavy rain	80 / 83 °F
Melbourne	Afternoon clouds	45 / 56 °F
Miami	Morning clouds	80 / 89 °F
New York	Morning clouds	78 / 90 °F
Osaka	Mostly sunny	71 / 98 °F
Paris	Morning clouds	79 / 94 °F
Pusan	Partly cloudy	78 / 95 °F
Rome	Mostly sunny	66 / 86 °F
Salem	Sunny	60 / 95 °F
San Francisco	Morning clouds	54 / 68 °F
Seoul	Morning clouds	76 / 95 °F
Tokyo	Partly cloudy	76 / 87 °F
Washington, DC	Partly sunny	78 / 94 °F

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1:30 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.69 Feet
9:01 AM	LOW TIDE	0.33 Feet
3:52 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.4 Feet
8:44 PM	LOW TIDE	1.08 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	6:02 AM	6:42 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Sunday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Monday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Tuesday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	1:28 PM	12:28 AM
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Sunday	3:08 PM	1:59 AM
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Tuesday	4:50 PM	3:42 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily
OZ6063	5:15pm	8:35pm	4, 7

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2924/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA2924/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	Daily via GUM
PR1572	4:35am	6:45am	1, 4
UA2921/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA2921/193	1:30pm	10:35pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA2920/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM
UA2920/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA2920/193	2:20pm	10:35pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ626/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA2921/159	1:30pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA2920/159	2:20pm	9:55pm	3, 6 via GUM
HX076	5:30pm	12:30am+1	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ6053	10:35am	4:05pm	4, 7
OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA190/2927	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR1571	9:20pm	3:35am+1	3, 7
UA192/2925	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
PR110/UA2925	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA184/2925	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/2925	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA116/2925	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju Air; HX: Hong Kong Airlines; LJ: Jin Air; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure;ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
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5:00PM	5:15PM	Daily
6:00PM	6:15PM	Daily

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
7:45AM	8:15AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY
8:30AM	9:00AM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat
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The Most Reverend

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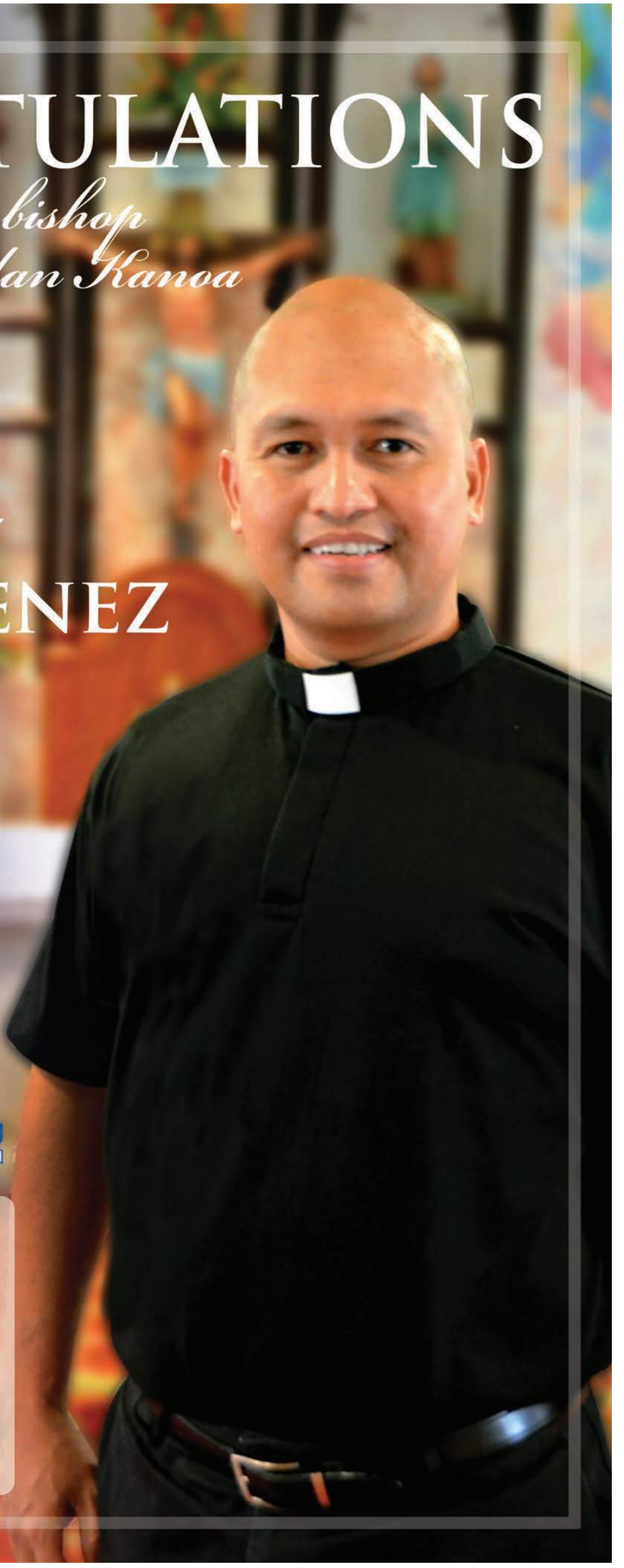

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DPW sets energy awareness campaign on Tinian

The Department of Public Works through the Energy Division Office will be hosting the 2016 Tinian Energy Awareness Campaign on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2016 at the Tinian Gymnasium.

Registration is from 9am to 10am and the presentation is from 10:15am to 11:30am.

This event will provide the residential community tips on how to conserve energy at homes and how to save money using efficient products that carry the Energy Star label and educate the community on the importance of energy conservation in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The Energy Division through its Energy, Education, Efficiency and Conservation Program efforts will be distributing reusable shopping bags and raffle of either a 16" Pedestal Fan or Portable Stove for each attendee.

Due to limited seating for event, interested individuals must call to pre-register with the CNMI Energy Division office at 664-4480/81 to confirm seating beginning, Monday, Aug. 15, 2016 from 7:30am to 11:30am and from 12:30pm to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday, except weekends and holidays.

Registrations end on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016. Pre-registered individuals with confirmed seats must present a valid government-issued identification (ID) with photo and proof of active utility account and most current utility bill information in his/her name. Failure to provide such information will be subject to removal of individual's name from the pre-registration list and denied participation and entry into the event.

Funding opportunity for this project was possible through a grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Energy-State Energy Program (SEP). ***(PR)***

APTC assists Samoa's workforce through training

The Australia-Pacific Technical College continues to support the people of Samoa by providing training in the trades, hospitality, tourism, health and community sectors.

Around 98 percent of APTC's Samoan graduates have increased employability as a result of receiving up-to-date specialised industry knowledge and skills and are working across various industries as found in APTC's 2015 Employer Survey.

This week, more than 55 students were awarded an Australian qualification in nine programs at APTC's graduation ceremony in Apia.

APTC is an innovative development project funded by the Australian Government, which delivers Australian skills and qualifications for a wide range of vocational careers for skilled workers across the Pacific.

Since the college's establishment in 2007, over 1,200 Samoans have graduated from APTC, of which 55 were from the recent graduation. Four Fijian nationals were also awarded qualifications at this ceremony.

The Deputy Prime Minister of Samoa and Minister of Natural Resources and Environment Fiame Naomi Mataafa delivered the keynote address.

"The model of multiple campuses in the Pacific that APTC offers us has enabled our Pacific people to travel to different countries, not only to undertake their programs in learning but also, to find out about other countries in the region and to build networks not only nationally, but regionally, so that we can share talents and qualifications that have been gained through APTC," she said.

The Australian High Commissioner to Samoa Susan Langford extended the best wishes of the Australian government to the new graduates in her closing address.

"It takes commitment and hard work to earn a qualification, together with support and inspiration from your teachers, family and friends," stated the High Commissioner. "And I am confident, that the APTC qualification you have received today will expand your opportunities and enable you to achieve your goals."

A total of 22 women graduated at the ceremony. The graduating class also included 10 students who undertook Certificate IV in Youth Work, which was conducted for the first time in Samoa last semester. The students learned how to develop inclusive policies and guidelines and organising programs and activities for young people.

Certificate III in Plumbing graduate, Isaia Sulusi, spoke on behalf of the graduates and thanked APTC, the Samoan and Australian governments, their employers, and families for providing support.

He further encouraged his fellow graduates, saying, "This day marks a new chapter in your life. The book is your life, and your life is the story, so please make it a good one".

APTC's campus in Samoa continues to collaborate with the industry and local technical and vocational education and training (TVET) providers to deliver quality training.

Recently, APTC's plumbing program and the Samoa Plumbers Association hosted an industry refresher on gas fitting tips for plumbing contractors.

APTC also has a partnership agreement with the National University of Samoa, which was signed this year. APTC and NUS jointly provided assistance at the recent launch of the new Taumeasina Island Resort by training the resort's staff at APTC's Visions Restaurant and training kitchen and facilitating the testing of menus. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. **ANA C. MAGOFNA,** Defendant.	**Civil Action No. 15-0092** **NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgement made and entered in the above titled action on the 2nd day of December, 2015, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **31st day of August, 2016 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgement, to wit:

Lot 004 B 39, (formerly Lot 2, Block 9, TD 437), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 004 B 00, the original of which was registered on 09 JUN 71 as Document No. 829 at Land Registry, Saipan.

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MCS Student Council ready for new school year

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From right, Mount Carmel School's 2016-2017 school year Student Council Officers: Moderator You Jin Jun, president Zeno Deleon Guerrero, secretary Brianna Hunter, and treasurer Eligiah Camacho. Vice president Jaqueline Doctor is currently off-island.

Mount Carmel School's Student Council officers for school year 2016-2017 are ready for the new year with ambitious goals and a commitment to serving their school and the broader community. This officers are all seniors: President Zeno Deleon Guerrero, vice president Jaqueline Doctor, secretary Brianna Hunter, treasurer Eligiah Camacho, and moderator You Jin Jun.

This year, the officers had an advantage in that their election was held at the end of the last school year, which gave them the opportunity to plan and prepare over the past summer.

What also distinguishes this year's officers is that four of them have been at Mount Carmel School since they were in the first grade, while the remaining officer, Jun, has been at the school ever since he moved to Saipan when he was in the fourth grade. As a result, they have been friends for about a decade and have grown to work very well together.

As Deleon Guerrero puts it, "This team is really close because we've known each other for so long." He added, "Plus, with our commitment to our school, we share a proactive mindset and look forward to changing things for the better."

Being that close, however, has also made it difficult to start the new year without Doctor, who is off-island for medical treatment. "We really miss her and pledge to honor her by working hard for our school and our community," said Deleon Guerrero.

When asked about what they want to accomplish, they were all focused on very specific initiatives.

For his part, Deleon Guerrero wants to "help all our new students feel that this is and will always be their home."

Hunter said, "I want to make sure that the whole school is informed about events and everything that's going on and that everyone has a voice"

Camacho wants to improve the school's merit system, while Jun intends to launch the school's very first Student Court.

Collectively, though, the STUCO officers hope to continue cultivating the strong school spirit that has been growing at the school for the past few years. As they put it, this will be the "Year of School Spirit." ***(PR)***

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Kagman High sets student orientation

Kagman High School has scheduled orientations for its junior and senior students today—1pm for juniors and 2:30pm for seniors.

Freshmen and sophomore students already had their orientations yesterday.

All students and parents are expected to come to hear important updates and announcements about the new school year such as bussing schedules, pick up, and student schedules.

The orientation will be at the school cafeteria. Students who already registered may get their schedules after orientation.

Students who are missing documents from last school year such as the health clearance and immunization, also known as the "blue card," will not be admitted until they are in compliance with the law. ***(PR)***

GTC Elementary School orientation today

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School wishes to inform all GTC families to attend the orientation/open house today, Aug. 12, 5pm in the school cafeteria.

Your attendance is highly encouraged as we will discuss important information for SY 2016-2017, meet teachers and staff, as well as clarify any questions you may have. Teachers will also be available in their classrooms to meet with students and parents/guardians to share expectations set for the new school year.

In addition, if you have not purchased your children's school supplies, you may avail of the list direct from Modern Stationery or National Office Supply. You are also welcome to drop by the school's main office to obtain a hard copy.

We are excited to start the new school year and look forward to seeing you all again! ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REVISED
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-16-016

TYPHOON SOUDELOR PERMANENT RESTORATION PROJECT
CUC POWER PLANTS 1, 2, AND 4
SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for the Typhoon Soudelor Permanent Restoration Project for CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 and 2, located at Lower Base and No. 4, located at Puerto Rico, Saipan, CNMI.

The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame.

A **mandatory pre-proposal conference** will be conducted at the CUC Power Plant Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on **August 16, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., ChST.** Immediately after the conference, Site Visits to Power Plant facilities will be arranged. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal.

Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID.

One (1) original and Five (6) hard copies and 1 Compact Disc (CD) of the entire submission in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked ***"CUC RFP-16-016 Typhoon Soudelor Permanent Restoration Project, CUC Power Plants 1, 2, and 4*** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 31, 2016.** Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

The awarded Proposer will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – https://marianaslabor.net/.

A Proposal Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total proposal price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a *Performance Bond* of one hundred (100%) percent of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Proposers are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Proposers are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Proposer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers. All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes, including excise tax, which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 19, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Marcela Tenorio, Purchasing Assistant via email address Marcela.Tenorio@cucgov.org and Venugopal Prabhakara, Power Generation APCM/PM via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

/s/ GARY CAMACHO
Acting Executive Director

/s/ MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-16-020

ROTA WATER SUPPLY PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Rota Water Supply Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This work consists of the demolition of existing bldg. structure, fence, pipes, valves, including appurtenances, installation of new 6-inch, 8-inch, & 10-inch PVC water line complete with necessary valves and fittings, construction of new three wells bldg., chlorination building, booster pump building, the relocation and replacement of two existing pressure reducing valves (PRV's), the installation of a new PRV, and several reconfigurations of the existing water system.

This project is funded by a grant from the United Sates of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on August 25, 2016 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) Original and Five (5) Hard Copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-16-020, Rota Water Supply Project"* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 14, 2016**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). *Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.*

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from registered Proponents and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 a.m. (ChST) on August 29, 2016** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, CUC Chief Engineer-Water/Wastewater-john.riegel@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC P&S, Administrative Support Assistant– marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

JAMES SIROK
Acting Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
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INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-020

CHALAN KANOA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Chalan Kanoa Drainage Improvement Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **August 5, 2016** at Departmnet of Public works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must b e made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Workat the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Deaprtment of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 23, 2016**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **September 6, 2016** to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the proepective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-16-IFB-020"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 9, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 9, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 9, 2016** and must be received no later than **September 20, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 23, 2016**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **September 9, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission**. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred Dollars (US$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

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2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Oleai, Saipan, MP 96950

INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW-16-IFB-021

KAGMAN ROAD ANTI-SKID, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Kagman Road Anti-Skid, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after August 12, 2016 at Departmnet of Public works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars ($100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must b e made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Workat the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Deaprtment of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 30, 2016**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **September 8, 2016** to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. George C. Sablan, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the proepective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW-16-IFB-021"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time September 13, 2016. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **September 13, 2016,** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 13, 2016** and must be received no later than **September 22, 2016.** Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 25, 2016.** However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:30 a.m. local time, on **September 13, 2016.**

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245.** The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash
2) US Gov't Securities
3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Sixty (60) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred Dollars (US$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/S/ JAMES A. ADA
Secretary of Public Works

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

Coast Guard medevacs citizen of India from tanker offshore Oahu

HONOLULU—The U.S. Coast Guard medevaced a 45-year-old citizen of India from an oil tanker 12 miles south of Oahu, Wednesday.

An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point safely hoisted the man from the 1,050-foot Bahamian-flagged oil tanker *Andromeda Voyager* at 7am and transferred him to Queen's Medical Center in Honolulu.

Personnel aboard the ship contacted watchstanders at the Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center at 11am Saturday requesting assistance for a crewmember presenting heart attack symptoms. The vessel was 1,438 miles from Oahu at the time headed toward the U.S. from Southeast Asia and elected to divert their course toward Honolulu.

A Coast Guard flight surgeon was consulted and recommended the vessel continue toward Honolulu. The man's condition was stable and plans were made to get him to shore via water taxi. However, when his condition began to deteriorate it was decided that a hoist would be conducted when the vessel arrived 14 miles offshore of Oahu to expedite his access to a higher level of medical care.

The Dolphin aircrew launched from Air Station Barbers Point at 5:45am and conducted the hoist at 6:35am. He was delivered to awaiting emergency medical personnel in stable condition. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point lowers a rescue swimmer onto an oil tanker 14 miles south of Oahu, Aug. 10, 2016. Personnel aboard the Bahamian-flagged oil tanker *Andromeda Voyager* reported a 45-year-old crewmember with heart attack symptoms to watchstanders at the Joint Rescue Coordination Center in Honolulu.

Ex-DOC officer, wife sentenced for conspiracy to import 'ice'

A former Guam Department of Customs official and his wife were sentenced last Aug. 8 in U.S. District Court for conspiracy to import methamphetamine or "ice" to the U.S. territory in 2012.

District Court of Guam Chief Judge Ramona Manglona sentenced Eric Tedtaotao to 71 months incarceration followed by three years of supervised release, and 100 hours of community service.

Tedtaotao's wife, Macrina, was then sentenced by Manglona to serve 97 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release, and 100 hours of community service. Both pled guilty to conspiracy to unlawfully importing methamphetamine.

On Aug. 4, 2012, Bertha Moore, Macrina's aunt, arrived in Guam from the Philippines. She was detained by Guam Customs and Quarantine who recovered three condoms containing methamphetamine from her rectum. Moore was transporting the methamphetamine into Guam for the Tedtaotaos. Moore was sentenced last year to 87 months in prison.

United States Attorney for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands Alicia A.G. Limtiaco stated, "Defendant Eric Tedtaotao, at the time of the criminal activity, was a DOC officer and as law enforcement, violated the public's trust. It is not uncommon for methamphetamine hydrochloride possession and distribution to be associated with violent and other criminal activity. The drug has destructive and devastating effects on individuals, families and our community. The U.S. Attorney's Office is committed to the aggressive prosecution of drug traffickers."

The investigation was conducted by Special Agents and Task Force Officers of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Guam Police Department, Superior Court of Guam Probation Office, Guam Customs and Quarantine, U.S. Marshals Service, the Filipino National Police and the U.S. State Department. The case was handled by assistant U.S. attorney Clyde Lemons Jr. ***(PR)***

HÅFA PLEDGE PROGRAM:

Sodexo pledge becomes largest signing to date

In an unprecedented ceremony last Wednesday at the Sheraton Laguna Resort, more than 200 employees of Sodexo Food Services became the newest members of the Guam Visitors Bureau's Håfa Pledge Program. The ceremony coincided with the company's new employee orientation, where employees came together as a team to prepare for the new school year.

During the ceremony, resident district manager Michael Schnitger noted to his team that the company decided to take this pledge at this time in the school year to embrace the culture, be able to share and teach it to the students and to foster the hospitality of the culture into their daily operations.

Sodexo has been serving school lunches for Guam Department of Education schools for the past five years and expects to serve almost 23,000 meals daily to Guam's schoolchildren for a total of about four million meals in the coming school year.

Sodexo included the following as part of its pledge:

■ Continue to find opportunities to incorporate healthy versions of favorite local foods into the school menus, in addition to the Chamorro month and Lenten special menus we have in place. We will serve these healthy meals to our school children, teachers and administrators with the same warmth, care and hospitality that can be found in our home kitchens.

■ Strive to treat each other and those we serve as family and to work together with the same kindness and respect that our culture is known to exude.

■ Partner with other community organizations to help keep our island clean and beautiful.

■ Support the overall goal of helping to make Guam a better place to live, work and visit for the schoolchildren we serve, the visitors who visit our island and for each other.

The Håfa Adai Pledge program is the cornerstone of the Guam Visitors Bureau's local community branding campaign. In its seventh year, the Håfa Adai Pledge program has grown steadily in the number of participants as well as the commitment of individual pledges.

In March of 2016, GVB reached a significant milestone, welcoming its 600th pledge, representing more than 32,500 individuals from private businesses, government agencies, non-profits and other organizations that have joined the Håfa Adai Pledge program.

For more Information, call GVB public information officer Josh Tyquiengco or 646-5278 email him at josh.tyquiengco@visitguam.org. ***(PR)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Sodexo Food Services' more than 200 employees pose for a group photo after taking the Håfa Pledge of the Guam Visitors Bureau.

Pacific health professionals undertake training on publishing research results

NADI, Fiji—Thirteen health professionals from eight Pacific Island countries and territories are in Fiji for the third and final module of the Pacific Course on Operational Research.

The training is jointly organized by the Pacific Community (SPC) and the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (The Union).

The main objective of this seven-day training module is to help participants perform an analysis and interpretation of their research results and turn these into a scientific paper for submission to a national or international peer reviewed journal for publication.

"The first module was held in Nadi in August last year and focused on providing a thorough understanding of operational research, allowing participants to develop their research protocols. The second module, conducted later in November, facilitated a better understanding of the importance of quality data leading towards skills development on data analysis," SPC acting team leader of Surveillance and Operational Research, Onofre Edwin Merilles Jr. explained.

"However, while researchers do a lot of good work in the field developing a study protocol as well as collecting and analysing data, some find it quite challenging when it comes to writing the results. The third module will remove some of the myths surrounding scientific writing," Merilles said.

The training exercise will enable participating health professionals to turn their research results into tangible conclusions that can influence policy and lead to improvements in health practices.

Each participant receives personalized mentorship and support throughout the course, including between training modules.

This is the second Operational Research course organized in the Pacific by SPC and The Union.

Nine of the 12 health professionals that participated in the first course between 2012 and 2013 had their research findings published in the Public Health Action Journal.

The 13 participants in the second Operational Research course are from American Samoa, the Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Kiribati, New Caledonia, Palau, Samoa, and Vanuatu. ***(PR)***

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE
SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT PARKING FACILITIES
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-017-16

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is inviting proposals for the Management and Operation of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities. The contractor selected will manage the facility for a period of five (5) years with the option to extend the contract annually, up to a maximum of three (3) years at CPA's sole discretion.

The Proposal Package will be available for pick up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport beginning August 05, 2016.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on Friday, August 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Saipan International Airport Terminal Departure Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. All proposers are requested to attend.

Questions and/or clarifications shall be addressed during the pre-proposal conference. However, CPA will extend this opportunity to August 22, 2016 only by written request to the attention of the Executive Director by emailing to: cpa.receptionist@pticom.com; with copy to: atudela@cpa.gov.mp. No questions will be entertained after this date.

All proposals must be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Management and Operations of the Saipan International Airport Parking Facilities, CPA-RFP-017-16".
One original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 2:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, August 30, 2016, to the Office of the Executive Director at the aforementioned location.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest. All proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Jose R. Lifoifoi
CPA Board Chairman/Contracting Officer

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-16-018

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

1. *OMB Circular A-133*
2. *Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States*
3. *Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)*

The date of contract award will be no later than September 15, 2016. Audit work shall commence thereafter and must be completed by January 31, 2017.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-16-018, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2016"to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), local time, on September 9, 2016.** Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 26, 2016** to Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 with a copy to Joann Paraiso, CUC Acting Chief Financial Officer, via email address joanne.paraiso@cucgov.org and Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

JAMES SIROK
Acting Executive Director

MANUEL B. SABLAN
Purchasing Officer

Nation

Trump accuses Obama of being the 'founder of ISIS'

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP)—Donald Trump accused President Barack Obama on Wednesday of founding the Islamic State group that is wreaking havoc from the Middle East to European cities. A moment later, on another topic, he referred to the president by his full legal name: Barack Hussein Obama.

"In many respects, you know, they honor President Obama," Trump said during a raucous campaign rally outside Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "He is the founder of ISIS."

He repeated the allegation three more times for emphasis.

The Republican presidential nominee in the past has accused his opponent, Democrat Hillary Clinton, of founding the militant group. As he shifted the blame to Obama on Wednesday, he said "crooked Hillary Clinton" was actually the group's co-founder.

Trump has long blamed Obama and his former secretary of state—Clinton—for pursuing Mideast policies that created a power vacuum in Iraq that was exploited by IS, another acronym for the group. He's sharply criticized Obama for announcing he would pull U.S. troops out of Iraq, a decision that many Obama critics say created the kind of instability in which extremist groups like IS thrive.

The White House declined to comment on Trump's accusation.

The Islamic State group began as Iraq's local affiliate of al-Qaida, the group that attacked the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001. The group carried out massive attacks against Iraq's Shiite Muslim majority, fueling tensions with al-Qaida's central leadership. The local group's then-leader, Jordanian-born Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was killed in 2006 in a U.S. airstrike but is still seen as the Islamic State group's founder.

Scathing report on Baltimore cops vindicates black residents

BALTIMORE (AP)—With startling statistics, a federal investigation of the Baltimore Police Department documents in 164 single-spaced pages what black residents have been saying for years: They are routinely singled out, roughed up or otherwise mistreated by officers, often for no reason.

The 15-month Justice Department probe was prompted by the death of Freddie Gray, the black man whose fatal neck injury in the back of a police van touched off the worst riots in Baltimore in decades. To many people, the blistering report issued Wednesday was familiar reading.

Danny Marrow, a retired food service worker, said that over the years, he has been stopped and hassled repeatedly by police.

"It started when I was 8 years old and they'd say, with no probable cause, 'Hey, come here. Where are you going?'" he said. "No cause, just the color of my skin."

"Bullies in the workplace," he said. "They don't want you to get angry or challenge their authority, so they'll use force, they'll put the handcuffs on too tight. And if you run, they're going to beat you up when they catch you."

The Justice Department looked at hundreds of thousands of pages of documents, including internal affairs files and data on stops, searches and arrests.

ACROSS THE NATION

California man sentenced in mercy killings of wife, sister

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (AP)—A California man who shot his wife and sister in what police said were mercy killings has been sentenced to 100 years to life in prison. Lance Anderson was sentenced Wednesday after being convicted of first-degree murder. Prosecutors say the 63-year-old Anderson shot his 68-year-old wife at their Canyon Country home in 2013 and then killed his 58-year-old sister, who was bedridden, at a Los Angeles nursing home. Police have said the deaths were mercy killings. Anderson told investigators that he killed his wife because she had brain damage, breast cancer and other health problems.

Legal marijuana has enough signatures for Arizona ballot

PHOENIX (AP)—Supporters of a voter initiative legalizing marijuana in Arizona say they've been told the measure has made the November ballot. Secretary of State's office spokesman Matt Roberts says it appears the initiative has more than enough signatures but the determination isn't yet official. The Campaign to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol said Wednesday it has been told that it exceeded the needed 150,642 signatures. The Secretary of State has been working with counties to check the nearly 259,000 signatures the group submitted in late June. The initiative would allow adults age 21 and older to possess limited amounts of marijuana. Marijuana would have an added 15 percent tax going mainly to schools and be regulated similar to alcohol. A court challenge to the initiative is set for a hearing on Friday.

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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
INSURANCE BROKERAGE SERVICES
PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-018-16

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) invites interested insurance brokers, licensed to conduct business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to submit proposals for providing Insurance Brokerage Services singularly or in partnership with others.

The Proposal Package and specifications is available for pick-up beginning **August 12, 2016** at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "**Proposal for Insurance Brokerage Services, Project No. CPA-RFP-018-16.**" One (1) original and three (3) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, September 2nd, 2016**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the aforementioned location.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so, would be in CPA's best interest. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**
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COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY
MULTI YEAR FINANCIAL AND
COMPLIANCE AUDIT SERVICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CPA-RFP-019-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed cost proposal for auditing services for a period of three (3) fiscal years. The location and scope of work package is available beginning August 12, 2016 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport.

Interested proposers must submit one original and three copies of the sealed proposal. Only proposals from U.S. nationally recognized firms will be accepted.

The sealed proposals must be submitted before 4:30 p.m. LOCAL TIME, September 02, 2016, at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, at the Saipan International Airport. CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if in its opinion to do so is in CPA's best interest.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES

FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
CAR RENTAL BUILDING ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT
CPA-SA-001-13

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested firms to perform construction management (CM) services for the replacement of the roof and miscellaneous improvements to the car rental building at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Project No. CPA-SA-001-13, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The project is being funded by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Scope of Work (SOW) includes overall construction management services for the duration of the project. Details are available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for qualification statements must be submitted in writing and mailed to Mr. Christopher S. Tenorio, Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950-1055, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, September 2, 2016.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Overall CM experience in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands – 30 points;
2. CM experience related to airport projects; – 30 points;
3. Level of proficiency in performing CM services promptly; and level of experience with the local and federal regulations and requirements; – 15 points;
4. The general reputation of the firm in terms of quality of CM work experience, firm's ability to perform the services and the firm's professional integrity and competence – 15 points; and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal, if applicable – 10 points.

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m. (CHST), FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2016.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified construction management firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority

/s/ **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**
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Date: August 10, 2016

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS
FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

TINIAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
AIRCRAFT RESCUE FIREFIGHTING (ARFF) BUILDING RENOVATIONS
Project No. CPA-TA-003-16

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting statements of professional qualifications from interested Consultants for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Design Services for renovations to the Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Building at the Tinian International Airport, Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The project is being funded by the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). This project is in accordance with CPA's Procurement Rules and Regulations and procedures shall be in full compliance with Section 40-50-202 Architect-Engineer Design and Construction Management Services.

The Request for Qualification (RFQ) Package is available at CPA's Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the arrival terminal. No fee is required for obtaining the proposal package. Questions regarding this request for qualification statements must be submitted in writing and mailed to Mr. Christopher S. Tenorio, Acting Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950-1055, faxed to (670) 234-5962 and/or emailed to wprater@cpa.gov.mp by no later than Friday, September 9, 2016.

At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. A/E design experience in similar scoped projects in the Pacific area and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Island – (35 points);
2. A/E Design experience related to projects funded in whole or in part by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) – (25 points);
3. The general reputation of the Consultant in terms of quality of A/E work experience and services performed for AIP projects, and the Consultant's professional integrity and competence – (15 points);
4. Capacity to accomplish the work within the contract time - (15 points); and
5. Resumes of key personnel including current licenses and registrations of principal – (10 points).

Interested Consultants shall submit one (1) original, four (4) copies and one (1) electronic version in .pdf on a compact disc of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m. (CHST), FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016.** Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

Discussions may be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the agreement requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

An agreement shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

All responses to this RFQ shall take into account any and all travel costs and taxes that will be charged to the consultant awarded an agreement for this project, including excise tax.

The CPA reserves the right to reject any or all statements of professional qualification for any reason, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in its best interest.

For the Commonwealth Ports Authority:

/s/ **CHRISTOPHER S. TENORIO**
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP No.: 2016-CDA-07-RFP

CLOSING DATE: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 **TIME: 10:00 a.m.**

"INSURANCE FOR CDA'S PROPERTIES"

Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Commonwealth Development Authority office, 2nd Floor CDA Building in Oleai, Saipan during regular working hours or by facsimile request to 235-7147.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any and all bids and proposals in whole or in part, and to waive any imperfection in a bid in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All bids shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director, P&S

World

Wave of PKK attacks in southeast Turkey kill at least 12

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—A wave of Kurdish rebel attacks targeting police and soldiers in Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast killed at least 12 people on Wednesday, as Turkey was still dealing with the aftermath of a failed military coup attempt that threatened the government.

Officials said rebels of the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, launched simultaneous bomb attacks targeting police vehicles in the city of Diyarbakir and the town of Kiziltepe, killing eight people, while four soldiers were killed in a separate attack near the border with Iraq hours earlier.

The attack in Kiziltepe was caused by a roadside bomb that went off as a police bus was passing by. Three people were killed and at least 25 others were wounded there, including at least five children aged between 2 and 5, said an official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in line with government regulations.

At the same time, a car bomb explosion targeting police in a historic part of the city Diyarbakir killed at least five civilians and wounded 12 others, the Diyarbakir governor's office said. The explosion occurred at a security checkpoint at a bridge over the Tigris river.

The attacks came hours after an earlier attack, also blamed on the PKK, killed four soldiers and injured nine others near the border with Iraq. The private Dogan news agency said that attack targeted military vehicles and was carried out with improvised explosives as well as rockets fired from northern Iraq.

Clashes between the PKK and Turkey's security forces resumed last year after a tenuous cease-fire collapsed and the PKK has frequently targeted police or military with roadside explosives or car bombs.

Wednesday's attacks, however, came as the country is still reeling from a violent coup attempt on July 15 that killed at least 270 people. The government has blamed the failed coup on the supporters of U.S.-based Muslim cleric Fethullah Gulen and has embarked on a sweeping crackdown on his followers.

The country is also combating the Islamic State group, whose militants have carried out a series of bloody attacks in Turkey in the past year.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Ash Carter said in a statement Wednesday that the U.S. stands "shoulder to shoulder" with its Turkish ally in the wake of the attacks.

Twice lucky: Dubai crash-landing survivor wins $1M

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)—After he escaped unharmed from the burning wreckage of an Emirates airplane that had crash-landed in Dubai, Mohamed Basheer already considered himself lucky.

Then came the call telling him he had won $1 million.

"I said, 'Don't joke!'" the 62-year-old Indian recounted, laughing inside the auto-body repair shop where he works in Dubai. "They said, 'Yes, you are the winner!' I said, 'No!'"

Basheer won Dubai Duty Free's Millennium Millionaire sweepstakes Tuesday with a ticket he purchased July 6, just before he boarded an Emirates flight to head to India's Kerala state and his hometown of Pallickal.

He believes the 1,000-dirham ($270) ticket, No. 845 in Series M222, was his 17th attempt to win the sweepstake.

Yet perhaps his luckiest numbers were yet to come as he boarded Emirates flight EK521 on Aug. 3 to return to Dubai. Sitting in seat 26G, Basheer said the flight passed normally for the 300 onboard until the Boeing 777-300 attempted to land at Dubai International Airport, the world's busiest international airfield.

The plane hit the runway, bounced and slammed into the ground again. For Basheer, who works at Al Tayer Motors auto body shop as a fleet operations coordinator, it felt like the shuddering stop of a speeding car with anti-lock brakes.

The cabin quickly filled with smoke when the plane came to a halt.

"Nobody knows what's happening," Basheer told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday. "But I'm not scared. ... I was supporting the people and also I saved my life."

He jumped out of the airplane's emergency exit and down the slide, before turning back to see the fire spreading as others fled. He said he saw the explosion that caused the crash's only fatality, an Emirati firefighter responding to the blaze.

But he said he remained in awe that the passengers all escaped.

4 months after Japan earthquake, final victim may be found

TOKYO (AP)—Nearly four months later, the final victim of two deadly earthquakes in southern Japan may have been found.

Searchers on Wednesday saw what appeared to be a body in the wreckage of a car buried beneath large boulders on a riverside, the Kumamoto prefecture government said. They weren't able to remove it and will try again Thursday.

Photos released by the Kumamoto government showed a yellow chunk of car so mangled it was unrecognizable, and police looking between boulders where it was wedged.

Kumamoto official Taishi Kajikawa said police have confirmed the wrecked car is a Toyota Aqua, the same model driven by a missing university student.

Hikaru Yamato, 22, was driving home in a yellow Aqua when the magnitude 7.3 earthquake struck in the early morning of April 16. The quake was the second powerful one to hit the area in two days. If Yamato is confirmed dead, it would bring the death toll from the two earthquakes to 50.

Kyodo News service said the wreckage is about 400 meters (a quarter mile) downstream from a bridge that collapsed into a deep gully after a huge landslide triggered by the earthquake poured onto it.

Kyodo quoted Yamato's father, Takuya, saying he regretted hearing a body was found, but he was also relieved. "I hope it's Hikaru," he said.

COMMONWEALTH
ZONING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone) for Joyful Team (CNMI) LLC & Tong Feng Int'l, LLC

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Joyful Team (CNMI) LLC & Tong Feng Int'l., LLC is requesting to rezone Lots 141 E 02 & 141 E 05 in Tanapag from "Village Residential" to "Tourist Resort" zoning district to construct a hotel & resort facility. These lots are located beachside along Santa Remedios Road, north of former Basula Producto, and northwest of the Tanapag cemetary.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date : September 15, 2016
Time : 5:00 pm
Place: GTC Elementary School, San Roque

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, September 14, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.
For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

COMMONWEALTH
ZONING BOARD

Commonwealth Zoning Board Special Public Hearing Agenda
Wednesday, August 17, 2016
5:00 PM, Tanapag Social Hall
(Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • www.zoning.gov.mp)

A. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

B. Public Hearings

Conditional Use Application #2016-1360 (Amendment):
Castle Project (CNMI), LLC has proposed to amend its Conditional Use Permit to renovate and utilize an additional existing warehouse structure (Building E) formerly used by Top Fashion Factory for employee quarters. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Tanapag on lots 030 B 15, 030 B 13, and 030 B 18.
It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

C. Miscellaneous
a. Other Matters
b. Announcements
c. Next Meeting

D. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board Special Public Hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogumoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman

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ZONING BOARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone) for Billion Ventures (CNMI) Limited

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Billion Ventures (CNMI) Limited is requesting to rezone from "Rural" to "Tourist Resort" zoning district the following lots in Marpi:

Lots# 007 A 02, 007 A 03, 007 A 04, 007 A 05, 007 A 06, 007 A 07, 002 A 02 & 022 A 03 (North of Kensington Hotel, East of Pau Pau Beach Park, and West of Chalan Pale Arnold Road)

Lots # 010 A 02, 010 A 17, & 032 A 01 (North of Matanza Drive and East of Chalan Pale Arnold Road)

The applicant wishes to construct and operate a hotel & resort facility.
A public hearing will be held on:

Date : September 15, 2016
Time : 5:00 pm
Place : GTC Elementary School, San Roque

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, September 14, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

COMMONWEALTH
ZONING BOARD

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING for Castle Project (CNMI), LLC

The Public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board special public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Castle Project (CNMI), LLC is requesting to amend its Conditional Use Permit #2016-1360 to renovate and utilize an additional existing warehouse structure (Building E) formerly used by Top Fashion Factory for employee quarters. This use is classified as "Institutional Residential" and is permitted in the district as a Conditional Use. This project is located in Tanapag on lots 030 B 15, 030 B 13, and 030 B18. It is zoned as Mixed Commercial.

Date : August 17, 2016
Time : 5:00 pm
Place : Tanapag Social Hall

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, August 16, 2016. Please send written comments via e-mail to Therese.Ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan.
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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

Life & Style

New 'Star Trek' series lead: A woman but not a captain

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—The start of production on the new "Star Trek" TV series is a month away and the debut date isn't until next January, but the effort to build fan interest is already in motion—if not at warp speed.

Following up a Comic-Con panel in July about "Star Trek: Discovery," executive producer Bryan Fuller shared details about the 13-episode series' setting, characters and innovations at a Television Critics Association meeting Wednesday.

"We want to arc out the information so you'll get a little information today, you'll get a little more information in October, and we'll keep building the evolution of the 'reveal' as we go," said Fuller, who was a writer on the series "Star Trek: Voyager."

His disclosures included that the main character is female (human, yes; a captain, no); that the story will feature a gay character, and that there will more aliens. Given that previous "Star Trek" series were all from the captain's point of view, giving the woman different duties will allow for a new dynamic in both relationships and storytelling, Fuller said. He didn't specify her title.

Casting for the series set aboard the U.S.S. Discovery has yet to be announced.

Here are tidbits Fuller shared about the show that will debut its first episode on CBS before it moves to its permanent home, online video service CBS All Access:

■ The series will incorporate an event in "Star Trek" lore that's been talked about but not explored, one which will allow for a serialized story that takes its protagonist on a journey of self-discovery. The event? Fuller wouldn't say.

AP

In this Monday, Aug. 1, 2016 file photo, Bryan Fuller, showrunner/executive producer of the Starz series "American Gods," poses for a portrait during the 2016 Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif.

■ There will "absolutely" be a gay character, he said. "I still have in my garage the hate mail that 'Star Trek: Voyager' got because of a rumor that Jeri Ryan's character (named Seven of Nine) was going to be gay," he said. He resolved that if he ever did another "Star Trek" series it would introduce someone who is gay.

■ There will be robots.

■ The aliens will be new and improved, and probably in greater numbers than typical for "Star Trek." ''You usually have one person with a bumpy forehead and seven other people who look relatively normal," Fuller said. The series will feature both newbies and the reimagining of familiar aliens—although Fuller acknowledged some Trekkies resist change.

■ The series takes place in an era that bridges the original 1960s "Star Trek" and "Star Trek: Enterprise," the 2001-05 series set about a century before. But "Discovery" will be much closer in time to Capt. James T. Kirk's world, so it will be able to play with the design "iconography" of those spaceships and uniforms, Fuller said.

■ Some potential elements include the introduction of young versions of familiar characters like Dr. McCoy, but not in season one, and perhaps the inclusion of Amanda Grayson, Spock's mother (played by Winona Ryder on the big-screen).

JonBenet Ramsey cold case focus of upcoming TV programming

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Twenty years after the murder of 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey, three networks are dedicating programming to the unsolved case.

CBS will air a six-part docuseries, "The Case of: JonBenet Ramsey," the network announced Wednesday. Original investigators will team up with new experts to re-examine the evidence using today's technology and forensics. They will also rebuild the crime scene, conduct interviews and offer new theories.

"The Case of: JonBenet Ramsey" premieres Sept. 18 (8:30 p.m. EDT).

Lifetime also announced Wednesday that it has started production on "Who Killed JonBenet?" The film will premiere later this fall.

And Investigation Discovery announced earlier this month that it will air a three-night series, "JonBenet: An American Murder Mystery," beginning Sept. 12 (10 p.m. EDT).

AP

In this Aug. 28, 2000 file photo, John and Patsy Ramsey leave their attorney Lin Wood's offices during a break in the Ramsey's questioning by Boulder, Colo., authorities in Atlanta.

JonBenet, a child beauty queen, was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colorado, on Dec. 26, 1996.

Matt LeBlanc: I'm not sure what's happening with 'Top Gear'

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Matt LeBlanc says he's not sure whether he will be back for more "Top Gear."

Speaking to TV critics Wednesday at an annual summer event, LeBlanc said of returning to the heart-pumping car show, "I don't know. I'd like to. There's nothing officially happening yet. Follow the BBC."

He said his favorite part about appearing on the series was "probably the travel," adding that he traveled to places like South Africa, Morocco and Ireland.

Last month, LeBlanc's "Top Gear" co-host, Chris Evans, quit the show after a one-season revamped format and a drop in ratings after three previous hosts left the series.

"That show has a pretty broad demographic. Everybody can relate to an automobile," said LeBlanc, who is promoting his new CBS sitcom, "Man with a Plan," which premieres Oct 24.

He said working on the Showtime single-camera comedy "Episodes" had "wet my appetite, and I wanted to work more. I wanted to be a part of something bigger." He also said he likes the work schedule of a multicamera show.

In "Man with a Plan," LeBlanc plays a dad who cares for his kids after his wife takes a full-time job.

"This is a new thing, a new character for me, a whole new side of me and I'm looking forward to it," he said.

LeBlanc said working on the enormously popular TV sitcom "Friends" made him critical of what's funny in TV.

Ex-husband's parade of dates interferes with his dad time

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for a year and have two boys, ages 8 and 9. During this time, my ex-husband has introduced three different women to my children and recently introduced them to a new girlfriend he has been seeing for a few weeks. The first day that they met the girlfriend, he had the children spend the night at her place. The woman has a 9-year-old son of her own.

I do not find this appropriate. When I confronted my ex, he insisted that there is no problem with it. How long do you recommend someone wait before introducing children to the person he/she is dating? Am I wrong to be concerned about this?

CARING MOM IN KANSAS

DEAR CARING MOM: Unless your ex is trying to teach his sons that relationships are revolving doors, he should slow down the traffic. They need to spend time with their father, not their father plus one. Occasionally having a female friend join him and the boys is all right, provided they understand she's just a friend. But he shouldn't have been diluting the time he was spending with the boys during this first year to the extent that he has because it sends the wrong message.

DEAR ABBY: My lesbian friend, "Giselle," broke up with her significant other, whom she met over the internet. They have actually never met in person because her girlfriend, "Samantha," lives in Canada, but Giselle says they were soul mates. Samantha has moved on and now has another sweetheart, but Giselle won't move on.

It has been many months and Giselle is still trapped in this bubble of sadness. She won't stop talking about how much she loves Samantha. I kept reassuring her everything would be OK and maybe she would find somebody else like her internet friend did.

After a few months, she became angry with me, and accused me of not being supportive of her trying to get Samantha back. She also accused me of not understanding "what girl-to-girl love is," which makes no sense, considering that I'm bi.

This has been going on for nearly a year. Should I back off, or must I continue to be supportive of something I know can't happen?

TRYING TO BE SUPPORTIVE

DEAR TRYING: Giselle is angry at you not because you haven't been supportive, but because she's upset her feelings for Samantha aren't returned. This is called "displaced anger," and you happen to be the nearest target. Your life will be a lot more pleasant if you step out of the picture until Giselle figures out for herself that her romance has fizzled and decides for herself to move on.

DEAR ABBY: My son was cremated as he had requested, but he also asked that his ashes be spread far away from home, which would require us to take a long trip to do. Would it be disrespectful not to accommodate that part of his request? If we did that, we would have no part of him near or with us. Do you have an opinion?

SO FAR AWAY

DEAR SO FAR AWAY: Yes, but first allow me to offer my condolences for the loss of your son. If you feel the need to have his cremains physically close to you, do what will bring you comfort. Divide the ashes, keep some of them and honor his wishes with the rest.

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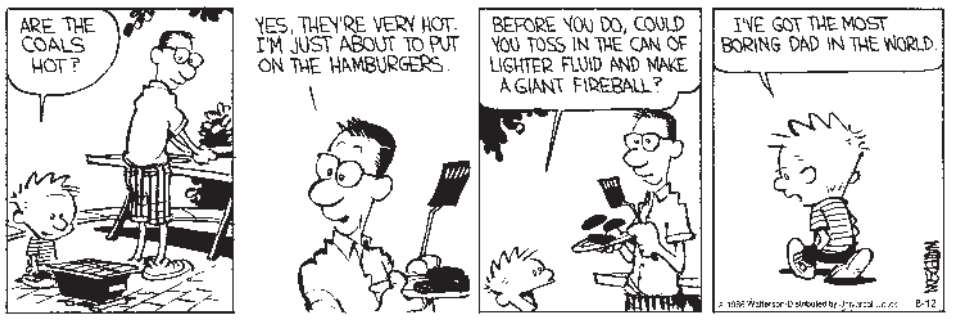
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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YES, THEY'RE VERY HOT. I'M JUST ABOUT TO PUT ON THE HAMBURGERS.
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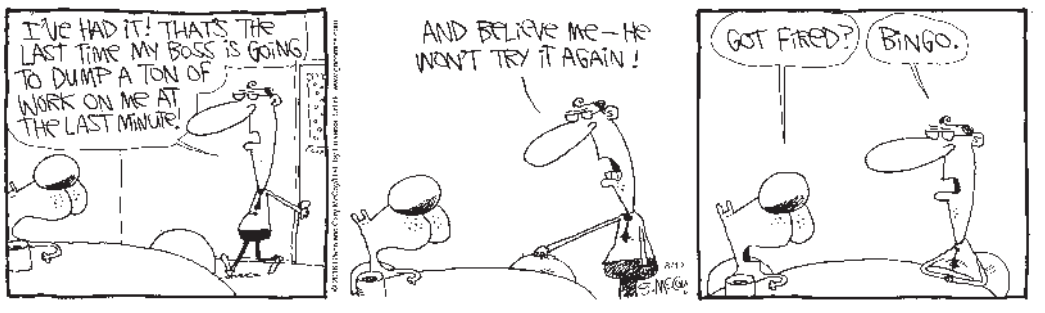
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AND BELIEVE ME—HE WON'T TRY IT AGAIN!
GOT FIRED?
BINGO.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Tiara jewel
4 RN's workplace
8 Men-only
12 Egg (Pref.)
13 "Peek-—!"
14 Sharpen
15 Type of call
17 Incite
18 Sailing vessels
19 Pampering, for short
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26 "— de Lune"
29 "Terrif!"
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32 Knight's address
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35 Agt.'s cut
36 Sings like Ella
37 Type of call
39 Reggae relative
40 Writer Rand
41 Dawn goddess
45 Err
48 Type of call
50 Barbershop prop
51 Furry sci-fi critter
52 Jam ingredient?
53 Mimic
54 Cozy rooms
55 Commotion

DOWN

1 Pantheon members
2 Wicked
3 Japanese soup
4 Author Lee
5 Having a lot to lose?
6 "Mayday!"
7 Ante-bellum's opposite
8 Peel corn
9 Rocky peak
10 Director Lee
11 "My word!"
16 Namely
20 Science room
23 Author Ferber
24 One
25 Light touches
26 Gator's kin
27 Zhivago's love
28 In — (miffed)
29 In shape
32 Aromatic
33 Muffler
35 Layer
36 Moves furtively
38 Striped cat
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42 Killer whale
43 Peruse
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45 TV watchdog org.
46 Privy
47 Ref
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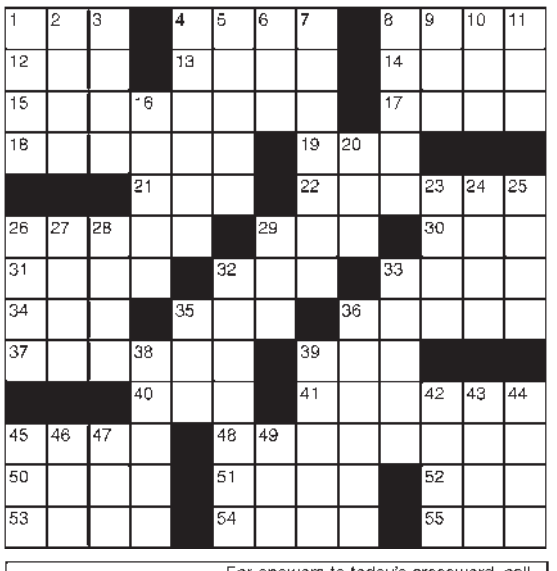
Yesterday's answer 8-12



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Happy Birthday: You will want to alter the way you live this year, but before you jump ahead, make sure you can afford your expectations. Greater domestic and financial security should be your top concerns. Respect what others want, but don't go over budget trying to please others. Legal matters and settlements could be tricky. Your numbers are 8, 17, 21, 30, 37, 45, 47.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Focus on the positives and let go of the negatives in your life. Learn from past experiences and be ready to say "no" to anyone trying to take advantage of you. What you learn will help you outmaneuver your competition. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take your work and your relationships with your peers seriously. An investment you make will show promise, but that doesn't mean you should spend beyond what you are able to risk. Romance should be a priority. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Giving someone an ultimatum will not work. Take care of what needs to be done on your own in order to avoid complaints, misdirection or setbacks. A partnership will be challenged if one or both of you is irresponsible. Honesty is essential. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Consider taking a new direction or trying something new and exciting. Changes at home will influence the way you work. A romantic relationship will flourish if you improve the way you live. Don't be afraid to be different. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Arrange to get together with people you love or someone who encourages you to take on new challenges. Don't let the past be a deterrent to chasing after your goals and eventually reaching your destination. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Don't take anything for granted. Just when you think you have everything worked out and your plans are ready to launch, something unexpected will take place. Do your best to accept the inevitable and keep moving forward. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You'll feel better if you reach out and help someone. Don't let ridicule stop you from following your heart. Anyone who complains should be kept at a distance. A positive attitude will result in an offer that is too good to refuse. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Find a creative outlet or something you feel passionate about and give it your all. Love and romance are highlighted, and doing things that are out of the ordinary looks promising as long as you avoid emotional spending. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Take one step at a time. Double-check everything you do, say or sign. Communication and travel will be troublesome. Concentrate on your plans and find ways to increase your knowledge or improve your health or appearance. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Remain firm when dealing with red tape or institutions. Make your ideas and decisions crystal clear and do not deviate once you've set your plans in motion. A celebration with someone special will improve your relationship. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Look for any opportunity you have to use your skills. Don't let anyone put you down or make you feel insecure. Positive changes are within your reach if you stay focused on what you want to do. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Anger will not solve problems, but it could lead to mishaps. Keep your mind on what you are doing or accidents will happen. Don't let a disappointment slow you down. Use it as a buffer against making a poor choice. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are curious, adventurous and adaptable. You are progressive and persistent.

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Opening Date: August 10, 2016
Closing Date: August 25, 2016

The Commonwealth Casino Commission ("Commission") announces the following Job Vacancy for immediate recruitment:

POSITION	DIVISION	SALARY RANGE
1. SPECIAL AGENT	Enforcement & Investigations	$30,000 - $35,000
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a) **Salary:** Actual salary level will depend on the applicant's education, experience, & other related qualifications.
b) **Location:** Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI").
c) **Benefits:** Basic CNMI government employment fringe benefits.
d) **Exempted Positions:** These positions are exempted from the CNMI Civil Service System per P.L. 18-56 & P.L. 19-24

Requirements:
A. CNMI Government **Application for Employment** (OPM-03) - Original
B. Resume with accompanying educational and professional credentials & documentations
C. Police Clearance (within the last 3 months)
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Application Forms can be picked up at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). For information on the **POSITION DESCRIPTIONS** and Requirements, please contact CCC's HR Officer Ms. Juanette LG. Sablan at 233-1857/58 or at **info@cnmicasinocommission.com.** Interested persons should submit their Employment Application along with supporting documents to the **Commonwealth Casino Commission, Unit 13 & 14, Springs Plaza, Chalan Pale Arnold, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950.**

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 04-2016

Opening date: July 29, 2016 **Closing date: August 26, 2016**

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) announces the following job vacancy:

Position:
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(1) Mechanic-I (Saipan)
(1) Vessel Traffic Controller-I (Port of Saipan)
(1) AOA Controller/Ground Maintenance-I (Rota)
(1) Administrative Assistant (Rota)
(1) AOA Controller/Ground Maintenance-I (Tinian)

Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official sealed transcripts, original police record not more than six (6) months old, copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 25 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. All applications and required documents must be submitted to the CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor Arrival Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport no later than ***4:30 p.m., Friday, August 26, 2016 (ChST).*** Failure to provide any of the required documents will result in automatic disqualification. Certain vacancies may require written and/or physical test. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening, 10 year Criminal History Record Check and 49 CFR Part 1542.209(d) Requirements. CPA reserves the right to waive or implement other qualifications to meet its needs.

Detailed information on qualifications and position description for the above positions shall be picked up along with the application form from Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on holidays, at the CPA's Administration Office (2nd Floor) of the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Arrival Terminal. For additional information, please contact the HR Office by calling (670) 237-6500 or via email at evelyn.sablan@cpa.gov.mp.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT # 05-2016

Opening date: August 12, 2016 **Closing date: August 26, 2016**

Position: (1) Receptionist/Secretary I (Admin-Saipan)
(1) General Maintenance I (Tinian Airport)

Detailed information on the position description and qualifications for the above positions are available online at www.cpa.gov.mp or may be picked up and must be submitted at the **CPA Administration Office, 2nd Floor, Arrival Terminal, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport during office hours (Mon.-Fri. (except holidays) 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).** The deadline for submission of all applications and required documents is no later than ***4:30 p.m., Friday, August 26, 2016 (ChST).***

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2 CMC s/s 3514(a) empowers DPW to collect and dispose of solid waste as provided in the Act, assess fees by regulation for collection and disposal of solid waste and establish rules and regulations to enforce its powers.

In addition, P.L. 11-22 "Commonwealth Recycling Act of 1999," an act to establish a program to divert recyclable material from CNMI landfills and for other purpose. Section 2 (Findings and Purpose) paragraph four partially states "This Act will require shared responsibility and cooperation between the Division of Solid Waste Management, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Now, therefore, effective immediately, DPW Division of Solid Waste Management will enforce restrictions of recyclable materials and non-acceptance of prohibited hazardous items to be disposed of at the Marpi Landfill by both residential and commercial users. All recyclable materials and residential hazardous items must be disposed of at the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and shall be directed as such. Commercial waste haulers must ensure to inform their clients of this policy prior to providing services. Mandatory load inspections will be conducted. Likewise, commercially generated hazardous materials are not accepted at the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and commercial generator(s) must contact the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for further information regarding disposal.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

Christopher S. Tenorio
Acting Executive Director

A-Rod pinch hits, Yankees rally past Red Sox

BOSTON (AP)—Benched from the starting lineup once again as his finale approaches, Alex Rodriguez pinch hit and flied out in the seventh inning of the New York Yankees' 9-4 comeback win against the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night.

New York said Sunday that Rodriguez, a 41-year-old designated hitter with 696 home runs, will be released following Friday's homestand opener against Tampa Bay.

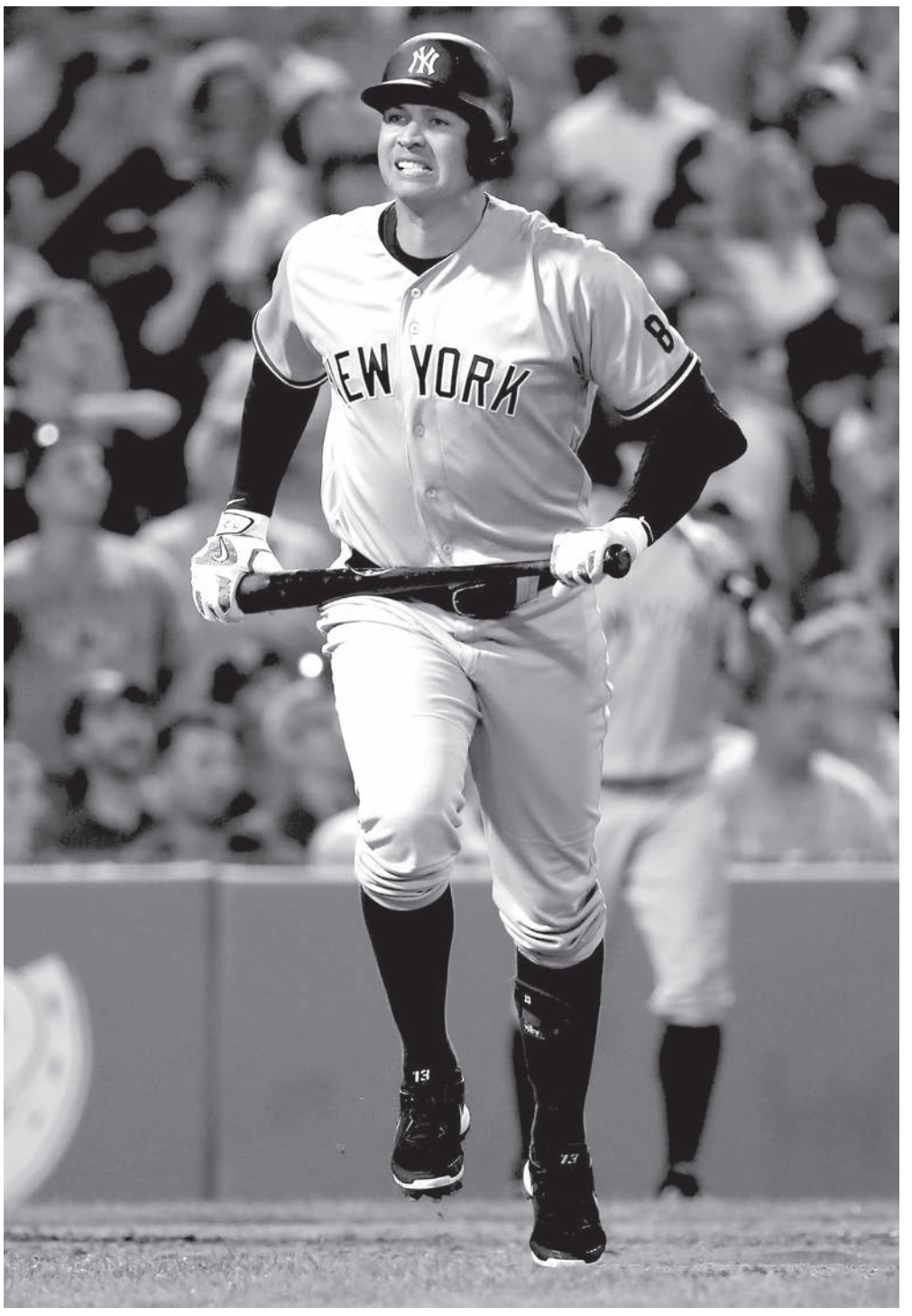
Red Sox star David Ortiz limped off in the ninth inning after fouling a pitch off his right shin.

Chants of `We Want A-Rod"! echoed around the park at the start of the seventh. He was greeted by loud boos when he stepped out of the dugout to face Matt Barnes. They were louder when he was announced and again when he trotted back to the dugout after his flyout to right field.

Rodriguez has just one start and eight at-bats in 17 games since July 22 as New York traded veterans and turned toward a youth movement. He hadn't appeared in a game since Aug. 2.

Rookie Gary Sanchez had four hits, including his first major league home run. Didi Gregorius also homered for New York.

Tyler Clippard (1-0) pitched one inning for his first victory with the Yankees since being acquired from Arizona last week. Fernando Abad (1-6) was the loser.



New York Yankees' Alex Rodriguez reacts to flying out as a pinch hitter during the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park in Boston on Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016.

Cubs 3, Angels 1

In Chicago, Jason Hammel won his career-best fifth straight start, pitching four-hit ball over six scoreless innings, and Chicago beat Los Angeles for its season-high ninth straight win.

The major league-leading Cubs matched their longest streak since Aug. 6-15 of last year and moved a season-best 30 games over .500 (71-41).

Giants 1, Marlins 0

In Miami, Two days after Brandon Crawford battered Miami with seven hits, he homered in the fourth inning to help San Francisco win a series for the first time since the All-Star break.

Crawford tied an NL record with seven hits in the opener of the three-game set. In the finale, he put San Francisco ahead with his 11th homer leading off the fourth.

Phillies 6, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Freddy Galvis hit a three-run home run in the seventh inning, Ryan Howard added a three-run, pinch double in the ninth and Philadelphia beat Los Angeles.

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Los Angeles closer Kenley Jansen pitched the ninth, even with the Dodgers down 3-2, and loaded the bases. Howard hit the bases-clearing double to right for insurance runs in the victory that dropped the Dodgers a game behind first-place San Francisco in the NL West.

Athletics 1, Orioles 0

In Oakland, Ross Detwiler and John Axford combined on a seven-hitter and Oakland beat Baltimore to knock the Orioles out of first place in the AL East.

Called up from the minors earlier in the day, Detwiler (1-0) allowed six hits over a career-high eight innings and struck out two while leading the A's to their third consecutive one-run win over the Orioles.

Nationals 7, Indians 4

In Washington, Jayson Werth hit a three-run home run, Anthony Rendon had a two-run double and Washington's offense broke out in a victory over Cleveland.

Werth was 2 for 3 and had three runs. Rendon and Ben Revere each went 2 for 4.

It was a welcome output on a day that left-hander Gio Gonzalez (8-9) allowed four runs and seven hits.

Padres 4, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Travis Jankowski capped San Diego's scoring with a straight steal of home in the eighth inning, and Edwin Jackson limited Pittsburgh to two hits in seven innings.

Jankowski took off during catcher Eric Fryer's return throw to pitcher Antonio Bastardo and scored standing up when Fryer could not handle Bastardo's low throw to the plate.

Blue Jays 7, Rays 0

In Toronto, J.A. Happ became the first 16-game winner in the major this season, combining with three relievers on a four-hitter in Toronto's victory over Tampa.

Happ (16-3) allowed four hits, all singles, to win his 10th consecutive decision. Joe Biagini, Jason Grilli and Ryan Tepera worked an inning each to complete Toronto's seventh shutout.

Cardinals 3, Reds 2

In St. Louis, Matt Carpenter and Jhonny Peralta homered to back up a second straight dominant start by Jaime Garcia in St. Louis' victory over Cincinnati.

Carpenter's shot in the first inning was his second leadoff home run of the season and 11th of his career. Peralta's solo homer in fourth was the 200th of his career.

Rangers 5, Rockies 4

In Arlington, Adrian Beltre singled in two runs in the eighth inning, and Texas rallied late for the third straight game against Colorado.

The first two comebacks were in Denver, where the Rangers had a three-run ninth for a 4-3 victory and erased a three-run deficit in the eighth inning of a 7-5 win. Texas extended its winning streak to five.

Diamondbacks 3, Mets 2, 12 innings

In New York, Oscar Hernandez hit his first major league homer in the 12th inning to lift Arizona Diamondbacks past New York.

Hernandez was recalled from Double-A Mobile after Arizona placed catcher Welington Castillo on the paternity list Tuesday. Playing his first game this season, Hernandez drove a sinker from Jerry Blevins (4-2) down the left-field line.

Brewers 4, Braves 3

In Milwaukee, Chris Carter hit a three-run homer, Chase Anderson won his third straight decision in Milwaukee's victory over Atlanta.

Anderson (7-10) allowed two runs and six hits over 5 1/3 innings. Tyler Thornburg picked up his fourth save in eight chances with a perfect ninth.

Royals 3, White Sox 2, 14 innings

In Kansas City, Lorenzo Cain's two-out single in the 14th inning scored Christian Colon from second base.

Colon opened the inning with a single and Paulo Orlando sacrificed him to second. Cain laced a single to center to score Colon, ending the 4-hour, 34-minute game, the longest by the Royals this season.

Mariners 3, Tigers 1

In Seattle, Nelson Cruz hit his 28th homer in the eighth inning after Felix Hernandez and Justin Verlander dueled through the first seven, and the Mariners completed a three-game sweep.

Cruz hit a 1-1 pitch from Justin Wilson (2-4) over the batter's eye 421 feet away to help the Mariners get their season-high sixth straight victory.

Lincecum accepts demotion to Angels' Triple-A team

CHICAGO (AP)—Two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum has accepted a demotion to the Los Angeles Angels' Triple-A team.

The Angels announced Wednesday that Lincecum plans to report to Salt Lake City this week, where he will be a starter.

"It's impossible to practice the things he's working on at the major league level," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said before their game against the Chicago Cubs. "This is not a trial and error theater here. You have to be able to do it."

The Angels designated Lincecum for assignment Saturday after he went 2-6 with a 9.16 ERA in nine starts since signing on May 20 following left hip surgery. The 32-year-old right-hander, who helped the San Francisco Giants to three World Series titles, had the right to refuse a minor league assignment after no other team claimed him off waivers.

Lincecum signed a one-year, $2.5 million deal with the Angels after holding a showcase workout in Arizona for most major league teams.

Scioscia said Lincecum has to adjust to a loss in fastball velocity.

"There's no doubt that it was easier for Tim to get back in counts when he was throwing 95-96," Scioscia said. "It was easier for his off-speed pitch to work better when he had the velocity. He has enough velocity. This guy has not gone from 96 down to 83 mph. This guy is still touching 90, which is plenty and he has deception in his delivery.

"He's more command-sensitive now than he was five years ago and that's something that he has to wrap his arms around."

Scioscia said right-hander Jhoulys Chacin will take Lincecum's spot in the rotation and start Thursday at Cleveland.

The banged-up Angels also placed reliever Cam Bedrosian on the 15-day disabled list with tendinitis in his right middle finger. Right-hander A.J. Achter's contract was selected from Salt Lake City.

Bedrosian had been part of the Angels' closer-by-committee with Huston Street on the disabled list.

"He felt it for about a week and it was something he could pitch with," Scioscia said of Bedrosian. "But it flared up the other day. . I don't think he's going to throw for at least a week, so it's going to take some time."

Los Angeles also claimed left-hander Brett Oberholtzer off waivers from Philadelphia, where he had a 4.83 ERA.

"He'll fit into our pen," Scioscia said.

QBs for Patriots, Saints enter important preseason stretch

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)—Three quarterbacks will be in the spotlight on Thursday night when the Saints and Patriots open their preseason schedules.

It will be just another tune-up for two of the league's most productive veteran signal callers, Tom Brady and Drew Brees. For the other, it will serve as an important prelude to an opportunity he's prepped for just over two years.

New England's Jimmy Garoppolo has known since the abrupt conclusion of "Deflategate" last month that he would get the first regular-season starts of his career when Brady's league-imposed, four-game suspension begins next month. What remains unclear is if that new status will also translate into Garoppolo starting during the preseason and taking the majority of the snaps.

"It's always different on game day. It's a different feel and everything," Garoppolo said. "You get those butterflies in your stomach and all that. It's awesome. Football is back now."

It will also be the first peek this season at the 39-year-old Brady and 37-year-old Saints quarterback Drew Brees as they continue to progress toward the conclusion of their respective NFL runs—though both plan on playing for a few more seasons.

While the teams have held joint preseason practices three times in the last five years, this latest edition brought about more reminiscences for the former Big Ten rivals.

Brees said the steady rain that fell during Wednesday's practice took them both back to when Brady's Michigan team faced Brees' Purdue squad in 1999.

"The weather today the exact same as it was for that game," Brees said. "Tom actually threw it out there. He said, `Hey, remember that game, Michigan-Purdue in the Big House?' It was just like it. They kind of smoked us that day, though."

From college kids to veteran pros, Brees said there is an appreciation for the longevity that both have had in the league.

"I think we're thankful for the opportunities that we've been given," Brees said. "Obviously, he is a part of a great organization, and has been for a long time. I'm part of a great organization and have been for a long time.

"From knowing him and his approach, I think we both understand we gotta prove it each and every time out. We're in the business of winning. I think we both have high expectations as to how long we can play. But we don't take it for granted."

AP

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) throws a football as Saints quarterback Garrett Grayson (18) watches during football training camp, Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2016, in Foxborough, Mass.

Brees said he has been told he would play "a series or so" on Thursday, leaving ample time for backups Luke McCown and Garrett Grayson to get snaps.

Garoppolo and Brady have each had equal time working alongside players that will likely make up the Patriots' first-team offense. Garoppolo said after Wednesday's rain soaked practice he hadn't yet received any indication from the coaching staff on who would start Thursday.

"I don't know. Your guess is as good as mine," he said.

Meanwhile, in Englewood, Mark Sanchez will be the starting quarterback for the Broncos' preseason opener in Chicago on Thursday night.

Coach Gary Kubiak on Wednesday gave Sanchez the start over Trevor Siemian, who is listed as the co-No. 1 quarterback on the team's depth chart. The Broncos plan to have Sanchez play the first quarter and Siemian play the second. Rookie Paxton Lynch is slotted to play the second half.

Sanchez got the nod after a close battle during the first two weeks of training camp. Sanchez was expected to step in as the No. 1 quarterback after Denver acquired him from Philadelphia in the spring. However, the eight-year veteran hasn't done enough in practice to win the job outright.

Siemian was the third quarterback behind Peyton Manning and Brock Osweiler for most of 2015. He served as the backup for six games when Manning was hurt and played in one game.

Coaches at odds on impact of technology overload on NFL game

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera believes too much technology may wind up hurting the NFL game.

Other coaches are more welcoming to even more hi-tech changes.

For the second straight year, the NFL will experiment in the preseason with allowing coaches and players to use Microsoft Surface tablets on the sidelines to view video replays during the game—instead of just still pictures—and utilize that information to adjust strategy.

The league discussed using the technology in the regular season, but the idea has been tabled until next offseason.

Rivera, for one, hopes it stays on the table—forever.

"I'm against it," said Rivera, the 2013 and 2015 NFL Coach of the Year. "As coaches, we work Monday through Saturday preparing for Sunday's game. I work. I game plan. I put all of my thoughts together. I'm attacking you, I'm beating you. And then, all of a sudden, they give you a tablet where you get to watch the play, rewind the play and see what happens on the play where you can say, `Oh my gosh, that's what they're doing to us?' Now you can make an adjustment and change what you're doing and have success. I don't think that's right."

Rivera, who expressed his concerns at a recent NFL competition committee meeting, said if the videos are allowed he "might as well work 9 to 5" rather than putting in extra time game planning.

Not every coach agrees with that line of thinking.

Gary Kubiak, whose Denver Broncos defeated Rivera's Panthers 24-10 in the Super Bowl, calls the videos a "tremendous tool" for coaches and players. He doesn't think coaches will gain an unfair advantage because they don't have much time during a game to radically change a game plan.

"They're always trying to do things to make the game better and make players better," Kubiak said. "It's like anything else that we do, it's something new, and I think we had a little taste of it. Keep going and see how it works out."

Atlanta coach Dan Quinn is also a proponent of the tablets.

"We have the technology to do it and really the players enjoy it, too," Quinn said. "(The video) gives them a very good look at what happened as opposed to the pictures. I hope we get to it one day."

Redskins coach Jay Gruden doesn't view having videos as a big deal compared to pictures.

"If everybody has it, then it's not an advantage," Gruden said. ". ... It's not like you can put a whole new game plan together based on a video that you saw (in) 20 seconds. So it really has no bearing on how we coach or how we prepare a football game."

Rivera might disagree.

He points to last year's Pro Bowl—where the NFL experimented with video on the tablets—and quarterback Drew Brees used the information gathered from the videos of a previous play to make an adjustment. He told receiver Antonio Brown the next time he called the play to stay in front of the defender rather than go behind him.

Two series later, Brees ran the same play and connected with Brown for a touchdown.

"Without the video I wouldn't have been able to see that and communicate it with him," Brees said at the time.

"I thought to myself, that's exactly why right there," Rivera said. "Hey if you can't get in practice, if your coaches can't see it on the sideline, why should you get a tool to help you? People say, `Well, you get better football?' Well, do you really get better football?"

Rivera is admittedly old school, having played nine seasons with the Bears as a linebacker. Years later, as a former defensive coordinator in Chicago, he'd arrive at the team's facility at 6 a.m., grab a coffee and head to his office. He'd spend the next 18 hours coaching, preparing and game planning until heading home at midnight.

Then he'd get up and do the same thing the next day.

"To me it doesn't make sense," Rivera said. "I'm supposed to know these things. If I'm not a good coach I should get my (butt) fired. I want to get beat because somebody out-prepared for me, to somebody who had answers to my questions."

Titans coach Mike Mularkey said he agrees with Rivera, saying he prefers pictures to videos. Dolphins coach Adam Gase said he likes the current "chess match" between coaches, and fears video might change that.

"When you have the still shots, you don't always know what is going on," Gase said. "(I like) being able to go to the sideline and talk to your players, that's part of the game as far as who is giving you the right information, who is working hard enough that week to prepare yourself to where if somebody does something on the field, you either see it or somebody in the box sees it.

"To me, that's part of the challenge of being a coach. I love the fact that when you get players that are really smart and they understand it, and they can bring that information (they see on the field) to you. That gives you an advantage. When you start using the video tablets, it takes that out of it."

Heras, Lee win opening matches in Jr. ITF tourney

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The CNMI's Carol Lee and Isabel Heras had a good start in the singles and doubles competitions in the 2016 Oceania Closed Junior Championships in Fiji.

Lee won her opening singles match last Wednesday after sweeping Australian wild card entry Caitlyn Portela, 4-1, 4-1. However, Lee dropped her second round game opposite another Australian bet Daniela Kovacevic. The No. 8 seed Aussie outlasted the unranked Lee, 5-3, 5-3, to move to the quarterfinals where the former was booted out by the No. 1 pick Violet Apisah of Australia, 6-3, 6-4. Apisah went on to advance to the finals against the second-ranked Kaitlin Staines, also of Australia. The title match will be played today.

Besides Lee, Tania Tan and Heras played, too in the main draw of the girls singles. Tan was pitted against Staines in the opening round with the latter cruising to a 4-0 , 4-0 victory. Heras also faced a seeded foe in the first round, losing to No. 6 Jessica Saviacic, 2-4, 1-4.

The opening round and quarterfinal matches in the singles play were played in shorts sets as the ranking tournament started two days late due to rain.

The preliminary doubles matches were also shortened with Heras and partner Luciana Kunkel of Australia surviving the Solomon Islands' Georjemah Row and Vinda Teally in a super-tiebreaker third set, 5-3, 3-5, 10-8.

With the close win, Heras and Kunkel made it to the quarterfinals where they eventual bowed to third-ranked Gabriella Da Silva and Lisa Mays, 1-4, 0-4. Lee and teammate Ayana Rengiil of Palau, are also out of contention in the doubles after losing to the No. 2 pair of Staines and Zaviavic, 3-5, 3-5.

Meanwhile, 13 members of the CNMI Junior Tennis Team left Saipan last Thursday to reunite with Lee, Heras, and Tan in Fiji and compete in the 2016 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships. Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, Tony Kim, Sean Lee, Malika Miyawaki, Asia Raulerson, Conatsu and Coume Kaga, Marie Gregoire, Ji Min Woo, Seung Jin Paik, Michael Ren, and Vincent Tudela headed to Fiji along with CNMI and North Pacific Team head coach Jeff Race.

The POJC will begin on Monday and will run until next weekend.

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Isabel Heras, seen here in action during the Tan Holdings Tennis Classic at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan, won her opening match in the doubles event of the 2016 Oceania Closed Junior Championships in Fiji.

GOLD

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Walsh Jennings has ever lost at the Summer Games. She won three gold medals with Misty May-Treanor, sweeping Athens and Beijing before losing a single set in London.

SOCCER: Argentina has been eliminated from the Olympic soccer tournament after a 1-1 draw against Honduras, which advanced to the quarterfinals along with Portugal.

Two-time Olympic champion Argentina needed to win to reach the knockout round, but it wasn't able to defeat Honduras in Brasilia on Wednesday.

Antony Lozano scored for Honduras in the 75th and Mauricio Martinez for Argentina in injury time.

Both teams missed penalties when the match was scoreless. Honduras captain Bryan Acosta had his shot saved by Argentina goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli before halftime, while Argentina playmaker Angel Correa hit the post from the spot in the 55th.

Portugal drew 1-1 against Algeria in Belo Horizonte to finish first in the group with seven points. Honduras and Argentina ended with four points, with Honduras ahead on goal differential.

TENNIS: Rafael Nadal went from being scheduled for a busy-as-can-be Wednesday to a day off at the Rio de Janeiro Olympics, thanks to rain that forced postponement of all 26 matches.

And now the 14-time Grand Slam champion will need to play three matches on Thursday, instead -- weather permitting, of course.

None of the nine courts at the Rio tennis venue has a roof, so near-constant showers on Day 5 of the sport prevented any competition.

After slowly whittling and juggling the schedule throughout the afternoon and early evening, organizers finally called off everything about 8+ hours after play originally was supposed to begin.

It all creates a logjam of matches in a sport that is meant to wrap up in Rio de Janeiro on Sunday. But the schedule does have an extra day built in on Monday in case it ends up being needed

MIBF outdoor caging to open on Aug. 27

The Mariana Islands Basketball Federation will kick off the Inaugural Men's Outdoor League later this month at the San Antonio basketball court.

The league, which will open on Aug. 27, will have two divisions: open and masters (40 years old and above). Only the first 10 teams (in each division) to register and complete the league's requirements will be allowed to play.

Entry fee is $400 and interested teams and their representatives are asked to attend a meeting on Aug. 17 at 6pm at the conference room of the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium. League rules and other important details about the competition will be discussed at the meeting.

MIBF is looking to hold games in the open division on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with two matches set for every playing day. Masters games are likely to be played every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

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Brewers in their own best-of-three semis series following a 6-5 win in Game 2 last Tuesday, while the Bears were forced to play a rubber after bowing to Titanium last Monday, 3-7.

With their season on the line and the 14-game sweep in the elimination may head down the drain, the top-ranked Bears turned to pitcher A.J. Lizama and their defense to foil Titanium's upset bid.

A.J. Lizama pitched in no relief in nine innings, allowing only five hits and no earned runs, while striking out eight. He had a two-hitter in the last four innings where the Bears shut down Titanium to preserve the shaky lead.

The Bears took a 2-1 advantage when Kiku Lizama and Henry Lizama reached at the bottom of the third. Kiku had a triple and brought Henry home, while the former also scored off Perry Celis' sacrifice out. Titanium got its lone run at the top of the fifth with Jun Rabauliman making it home off the Bears' error.

After Rabauliman's run, Titanium made it no more past second base against the Bears' strong defense in the last four innings.

The Bernard Cabrera-managed Titanium was called for a 1-2-3 inning in the sixth with Patrick Tenorio and Jerald Cabrera flying out at center field and shortstop, respectively, and A.J. fanning out big hitter Brian Camacho. Then in the seventh, Nathan Camacho and Rabauliman were left stranded at second and first, respectively, when A.J. struck out Jun Deleon Guerrero and Bill Camacho and caught a line drive from Jun Cabrera.

The Bears' defense also stranded leadoff batter Jhace Palacios at first in the eighth inning when Tenorio and Jerald flied out at center field and A.J. fanned out Brian Camacho for the second straight time. Brian's younger brother, Nathan then led off for Titanium in the last inning, singled, and reached second off a Bears' error to keep his team in the game. However, the Bears' defense was still there to deny Titanium, as leftfielder Marvin Kaipat caught a fly from Rabauliman and second baseman Jose Lizama Jr. did the same on Steven Cabrera for the first and third out, while A.J. picked up a bunt from Deleon Guerrero and threw to first baseman Angel Palacios for the second out.

Despite the loss, the last semifinalist Titanium must be credited, too with its defense after holding the Bears to back-to-back 1-2-3 innings in the first and second. Joe Palacios pitched for Titanium and had three early strikeouts in the first two innings before giving up the crucial triple to Kiku in the third. Joe went on to yield only four hits and fanned out eight, while Titanium's defense forced the Bears to 1-2-3 innings from the fourth to sixth inning before stranding three runners in the final two.

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get your black belt that's when the learning really starts, so this is just the beginning. In the immediate future I'm going to focus on getting ready for upcoming competitions along with my team. As far as the next step in my martial arts journey, I'd really like to travel a bit to visit other academies to share knowledge with other practitioners. I'm excited for the future, wherever it may take me," Dela Cruz said.

The 27-year-old Dela Cruz rose through the ranks despite being a late starter and nearly fainting in his first BJJ class.

"I did not find martial arts until I was 20 when by coincidence a new jiu jitsu school was opening in my area at the same time as I was already contemplating on taking up self defense," the Makaha, Oahu resident said.

"It all started on my first day of stepping onto the mats. I didn't know what to expect but I knew that I wanted to learn self defense and BJJ was already gaining mass recognition due in part to its effectiveness in MMA. Funny story, during my first class I almost passed out from exhaustion. I still remember it vividly. The entire class I was confronted with my own shortcomings; I couldn't touch my toes during the stretches, my movements were as stiff as a stick, and I felt winded after just the warmups. It was at the end of the class when we all lined up to take a picture that I started seeing stars and felt lightheaded. I remember telling myself, 'if you pass out right now you're never coming here again.' Thank goodness I pulled through. From then on I was hooked and never looked back. This was a huge turning point in my life and one of the best decisions I've ever made," Dela Cruz said.

While moving his way up to the ladder, the former Garapan resident also shared his BJJ knowledge to others.

"During my later blue belt years and all of purple belt, I was teaching around 8 to 10 classes a week which ranged from kids, juniors, beginners and advanced classes. Unfortunately, as my work demands grew, my teaching schedule shrank because I couldn't commit to certain times anymore," said Dela Cruz, who works as an operations manager in an energy company.

After getting his black belt, Dela Cruz, who left Saipan in 2001, plans to go back to teaching to get more people involved in BJJ.

"Although I don't instruct as much as I would like to at the moment, I still make the hour drive (one way) from Makaha to Honolulu to train five or more days a week with the advanced and competitor groups at CJJF Honolulu. I'm actively working on revising my schedule so that I may again instruct on some level," he said.

US men's basketball team gets tested, beats Australia

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—The blowouts are over. The Olympics are underway.

After nothing but pushovers this summer, the U.S. men's basketball team faced someone who pushed back.

"This is the real world now and that's good for us," coach Mike Krzyzewski said.

Finally tested, Carmelo Anthony and Kyrie Irving had the answers.

Anthony scored 31 points on the night he became the U.S. men's Olympic career scoring leader, combining with Irving for all the Americans' baskets in the fourth quarter of a 98-88 victory over Australia on Wednesday night.

AP

United States' Carmelo Anthony (15) fights for a loose ball with Australia's Ryan Broekhoff during a basketball game at the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016.

Irving—born in Australia—added 19 points, including a 3-pointer with 1:35 left after Australia had closed within four.

A team that won its first two games by a combined 101 points could never get a comfortable lead—and for a while couldn't get one at all. The Australians, with big bodies inside, quality point guards to counter the American pressure and a wealth of NBA championship experience, stood toe to toe with the team that had blown them out of the last two Olympics in the quarterfinals.

But Anthony, the first U.S. male to play in four Olympics, steadied the Americans in the first competitive game most of this new team had ever experienced.

"We kind of expected a game like this, a physical game, a grind-out game from playing against Australia over the past couple years," Anthony said, "and going into tonight we knew it was going to come down to the end of the game where we were really going to have to buckle down and focus in and make plays down the stretch."

Kevin Durant capped off the scoring with two free throws, making him the only other player than Irving or Anthony to score in the period.

The Americans, who had barely broken a sweat in Brazil, trailed early in the fourth quarter before Anthony hit a flurry of 3-pointers to put the Americans on top.

Patty Mills, the tournament scoring leader, had 30 points for Australia.

After five easy exhibitions preceding routs of China and Venezuela to open the tournament, the Americans trailed 72-70 with about 9 minutes left. Anthony scored to tie it, hit a 3-pointer to give the Americans the lead for good, and then hit a couple more 3s that pushed it to 83-76.

The team staying on a luxury cruise ship could never relax until scoring the final five points in the last 27 seconds on free throws, with Irving hitting the first three.

The Americans, so carefree in their opener that reserves DeMar DeRozan and Jimmy Butler played rock, paper, scissors to determine who would shoot a free throw, realized they were in a fight in this one.

"It got real," Paul George said. "It definitely got real."

An enraged Krzyzewski screamed at an official after Andrew Bogut's hard foul on Irving just in front of the U.S. bench in the third quarter, his face looking as red as the shirts the coaching staff wore.

Bogut finished with 15 points for the Australians, who have never won a medal but four of their players own NBA rings. They nearly became the first team to knock off the Americans in the Olympics since Krzyzewski took over in 2005.

"We have a pretty gritty group that's pretty tough and we battled all night," Bogut said.

Australia had opened the Olympics with impressive victories over France and Serbia, both ranked among the top six in the world. Then the Aussies gave the team ranked No. 1 all it could handle.

The Americans clinched a spot in the medal round, though that was never going to be in doubt.

This game, though, was.

It was the second straight game the Americans were tied after one quarter. They quickly blew away Venezuela after it was 18-all, but the only second-quarter surge in this one was made by Australians.

Fiji stuns New Zealand, boosts medal bid in rugby sevens

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—When rugby sevens was added to the Olympic program for Rio seven years ago, there was an almost instant clamor for gold in Fiji.

Finally, the people of the Pacific had a realistic chance of winning an Olympic medal. The pressure has intensified ever since, and so has the focus of the players.

"Fiji sevens and rugby—it's more than just a fanatical aspect of Fijian life," Fiji coach Ben Ryan said, "It's in their DNA."

Nobody flinched after Fiji beat New Zealand 12-7 in the quarterfinal on Wednesday, setting up a semifinal against Japan. The winner plays either South Africa or Great Britain for the gold.

Ryan laid out the team's sole aim for Rio -- and it's not a modest one.

"We've got one aim and that's to win gold medal, not silver or bronze," he said. "We're No. 1 in the world, we're not trying to be arrogant, we're saying this is what we want. Silver will be a disappointment as bronze and fourth place."

The Fijians have long been the entertainers in sevens rugby, admired for their preference to run the ball from deep inside their own territory and waving the ball around with one hand looking for any chance to unload it with an unorthodox pass.

Some critics have questioned the Fijian players' ability to handle pressure, particularly at the Olympics where the entire population of the Pacific island nation will be watching or listening to every moment of every game.

Ryan said it's a mistake to think his team can't handle the extra attention that comes with being favorites at the Olympics.

He pointed out that the Fijians have won the Hong Kong Sevens title—the most prestigious on the calendar—more than any other nation. They've won the last two world series. He said they deal with pressure daily, more than any rugby sevens player in any part of the world.

"We're in the papers on the front and back pages—every night we're in the 6 o'clock news," he said. "Everybody's a household name. The pressure is on them in our bubble in the Pacific every single day.

"That's not the same with any other team in this tournament, so they're used to it. They're not getting pressure they're not used to."

Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama is in Rio for the games and, just like most Fijians, isn't averse to offering his opinion on matters to do with rugby.

"I did say to him `there are 12 teams here, there's only one with their head of state here," Ryan said, "But he's a great supporter. I can talk to him about (tactics) and he'll give me some rugby knowledge. It's great. It's the people's team."

Ryan was coaching England when the International Olympic Committee made the decision to bring rugby back on board for the first time since 1924, but changed the format to sevens—the faster, abbreviated version of the traditional 15-a-side game.

He moved to Fiji in 2013 and began honing the raw materials that already existed -- big, fast men with an innate instinct for the game.

The biggest problem Ryan faced initially was the exodus of talented stars leaving with ever-greater frequency to make their livings abroad.

So he started putting together the nucleus of a squad around his captain Osea Kolinisau and planned to bolster it sometimes with returning players such as Josua "the Fijian bus" Tuisova, who is a star in the French competition.

Brazil tops Denmark to avoid elimination in men's soccer

SALVADOR, Brazil (AP)—Brazil finally found its scoring touch in the men's soccer tournament at the Olympics.

The host country advanced to the quarterfinals by beating Denmark 4-0 Wednesday, avoiding another embarrassing elimination in front of the home fans.

Gabigol scored twice and Gabriel Jesus and Luan added the others at the Arena Fonte Nova as Brazil continues its quest to win the Olympic gold medal in soccer for the first time.

"The team played a great match," Brazil coach Rogerio Micale said. "We found our game and this time the ball went in. That gave us a lot of tranquility during the match."

The Brazilians will next play Colombia on Saturday in Sao Paulo.

Brazil had been held to scoreless draws in its first two group games and needed a victory to guarantee a spot in the knockout round. It ended up first in Group A with five points, one more than Denmark, which also advanced and will play Nigeria in Salvador. South Africa and Iraq were eliminated after a 1-1 draw in Sao Paulo.

The convincing victory also helped Brazil regain the support of the local fans, who had been disappointed by lackluster performances and had loudly jeered the team in the games against South Africa and Iraq.

The crowd of more than 40,000 fans was behind the team from the start in Salvador and chanted "The champion is back" during parts of the game.

"To have the crowd on our side is extremely important," Micale said. "Hopefully it will be like that again in Sao Paulo."

Led by Neymar, Brazil arrived as the main favorite to win the Olympic tournament and finally breakthrough with the gold medal, which is the only trophy the five-time world champions haven't won in soccer.

Needing the victory, Brazil attacked from the start and took the lead after Gabigol's close-range shot after a low cross by Douglas Santos in the 26th minute. Gabriel Jesus added to the lead from near the goal line in the 40th after a pass by Luan, who scored the third from near the penalty spot in a play started by Neymar. Gabigol's second goal came with a shot off a rebound in the 80th.

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Bears take second finals seat

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Titanium's Jhace Palacios gets ready to run to second, while Chalan Kanoa Bears first baseman Angel Palacios prepares for a catch during Game 1 of their best-of-three semis series in the 2016 Saipan Basebal League last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The Bears closed out the series after a 2-1 victory in Game 3 last Wednesday.

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The Chalan Kanoa Bears won a defensive battle against Titanium, 2-1, in the deciding Game 3 of their semis series in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

With the hard-earned victory, the Bears clinched the second finals berth and will begin their best-of-five title showdown against the BSI Aces tonight. The Aces earlier got the first finals ticket after sweeping the dethroned champions GSM

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Dela Cruz eyes BJJ tournament in Japan

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Saipan's Clinton Dela Cruz, left, seen here posing for a photo with a fellow BJJ practitioner in Hawaii, received his black belt early this month.

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Fresh from receiving his black belt, Saipan-born Brazilian jiu jitsu practitioner Clinton Dela Cruz is aiming to compete in a tournament in Japan this year.

"I'm strongly considering either the Asian Open in September or the Abu Dhabi Trials in October. Both of which will be hosted in Japan," said Dela Cruz, who got his black belt—three notches away from the highest ranking in BJJ—at the US Caveirinha Jiu Jitsu Main Academy in Honolulu, Hawaii, early this month.

"They say that when you

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Overpowering Ledecky performance gives US gold

AP

United States' Katie Ledecky competes in the final of the women's 4x200-meter freestyle relay during the swimming competitions at the 2016 Summer Olympics, Thursday, Aug. 11, 2016, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— Katie Ledecky was the fastest swimmer in the pool, and she brought her American teammates along for the ride.

The 19-year-old turned in another overpowering performance to carry the United States to victory in the 4x200-meter freestyle relay late Wednesday, capturing her third gold and fourth medal overall at the Rio Olympics.

The U.S. trailed through the first three legs of the race, as Sweden, China and then Australia swapped the top spot.

Then, it was Ledecky's turn on the anchor leg.

She blew everyone else away.

Ledecky turned in a split of 1 minute, 53.74 seconds, which was nearly 2 1-2 seconds faster than her next-fastest teammate, Allison Schmitt in 1:56.21.

Only one other swimmer in the race, Australia's Emma McKeon, got within a second of Ledecky.

The Australians settled for silver, and Canada took the bronze.

Michael Phelps has advanced to the final of the Olympic 200-meter individual medley as the top qualifier.

Swimming next to teammate and longtime rival Ryan Lochte, Phelps put up an effortless-looking time of 1 minute, 55.78 seconds Wednesday night to claim the prime middle lane in the final.

Lochte will be right next to him again, ranking second in 1:56.28. Thiago Pereira sent the Brazilian crowd into a frenzy by staying close to the two American stars, finishing third in 1:57.11.

Phelps will be seeking his fourth straight 200 IM title at the Olympics. He's also got a chance to pull off that feat in the 100 butterfly.

BEACH VOLLEYBALL: Americans Kerri Walsh Jennings and April Ross have finished the Olympic group stage unbeaten, but not before losing their first set of the Summer Games.

The U.S. women beat Switzerland 21-13, 22-24, 15-12 on Wednesday night to win their pool with a 3-0 record. They now await news on an opponent for the round-of-16, which begins Friday.

Walsh Jennings is going for her fourth straight Olympic gold medal. Ross won silver in London.

The Swiss team of Isabelle Forrer and Anouk Verge-Depre did win the second set. The Americans fought off three set points before the Swiss converted the fourth.

It's just the second set

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UNITED STATES	11	11	10	32
CHINA	10	5	8	23
JAPAN	6	1	11	18
AUSTRALIA	5	2	5	12
HUNGARY	5	1	1	7
RUSSIA	4	7	4	15
SOUTH KOREA	4	2	3	9
ITALY	3	6	2	11
GREAT BRITAIN	3	3	6	12
FRANCE	2	3	1	6
KAZAKHSTAN	2	2	3	7
THAILAND	2	1	1	4
GERMANY	1	2	1	4
SWEDEN	1	2	0	3
NETHERLANDS	1	1	2	4
BELGIUM	1	1	1	3
BRAZIL	1	1	0	2
COLOMBIA	1	1	0	2
SLOVENIA	1	1	0	2
VIETNAM	1	1	0	2
TAIWAN	1	0	2	3
SPAIN	1	0	1	2
GREECE	1	0	1	2
SWITZERLAND	1	0	1	2
ARGENTINA	1	0	0	1

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